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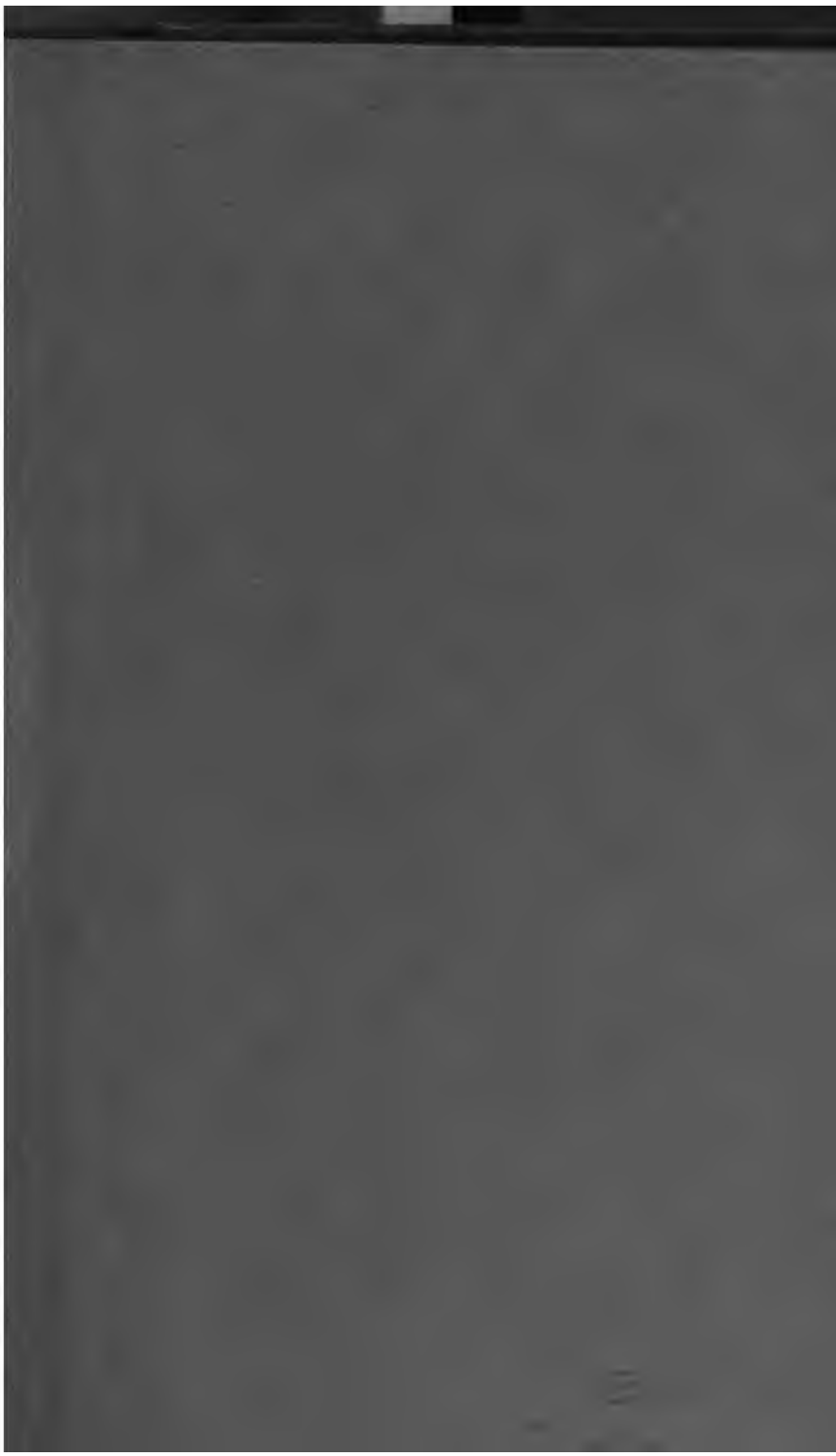

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OF THE

Particular Synod of New Brunswick.

The Particular Synod of New Brunswick met in stated session in the Reformed Church of Warwick, N. Y., on Tuesday, May 2nd, at 5.20 P. M., and remained in session until Wednesday evening at 9.20 o'clock.

FORMATION OF SYNOD.

ARTICLE I.

OPENING OF THE SYNOD.

The Synod was opened with prayer by the President, Rev. Peter Stryker, D.D., who also preached the Synodical Sermon on Tuesday evening, from II. Cor. viii : 11, 12 : "But now complete the doing also ; that as there was the readiness to will, so there may be the completion also out of your ability. For if the readiness is there, it is acceptable according as a man hath, not according as he hath not."

ARTICLE II.

MEMBERS PRESENT.

Classis of Bergen.—Ministers, H. Vanderwart, Henry Ward, D. M. Talmage, W. R. Ackert. Elders, D. D. Blauvelt, J. J. Demarest.

South Classis of Bergen.—Ministers, J. F. Morgan, E. A. Meury. Elder, Henry Hoersch.

Classis of Monmouth.—Ministers, P. K. Hageman, Peter Stryker, B. B. Staats, E. W. Greene. Elder, G. C. Luyster.

Classis of Newark.—Minister, William Stuart. Elders, Jotham H. Condit, Peter D. VanZee.

Classis of New Brunswick.—Ministers, Theo. Shafer, Alex. S. VanDyck, J. L. Southard.

Classis of Paramus.—Ministers, Anson DuBois, W. G. Myles, W. J. Leggett, W. Johnston. Elder, J. E. Demarest.

Classis of Passaic.—Ministers, J. W. Foster, C. M. Steffens, G. W. Labaw. Elder, P. Piaget.

Classis of Philadelphia.—Ministers, C. F. C. Suckow, O. J. Hogan, E. G. Ackerman, A. C. Bird. Elders, Fred. Bach, P. S. Polhemus, Josiah Cole.

Classis of Raritan.—Ministers, Minor Swick, W. S. Cranmer. Elders, H. A. Green, A. P. Sutphen.

ARTICLE III.

OFFICERS.

Rev. W. S. Cranmer was elected President.

Rev. W. J. Leggett, Ph.D., was elected Vice President.

Revs. J. F. Morgan and O. J. Hogan were elected Temporary Clerks.

ARTICLE IV.

MINUTES AND BEQUEST OF REV. ELIAS VAN BENSCHOTEN.

These were read.

Acts of the Synod.

ARTICLE I.

RULES OF ORDER.

These were read.

ARTICLE II.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

The following were appointed :

On Synodical Minutes.—Revs. Henry Ward, W. R. Ackert. Elder, J. J. Demarest.

On Classical Minutes.—Revs. D. M. Talmage, B. B. Staats. Elder, Jotham H. Condit.

Sub-Committee.—

Rev. Minor Swick,	Elder A. P. Sutphen.
Rev. P. K. Hageman,	Elder G. C. Luyster.
Rev. C. M. Steffens,	Elder P. D. VanZee.
Rev. J. L. Southard,	Elder Josiah Cole.
Rev. W. G. Myles,	Elder J. E. Demarest.
Rev. J. W. Foster,	Elder P. Piaget.
Rev. A. C. Bird,	Elder Josiah Cole.
Rev. G. W. Labaw,	Elder H. A. Green.
Rev. W. R. Ackert,	Elder D. D. Blauvelt.

On Classical Reports.—Revs. Peter Stryker, Wm. Stuart. Elder, P. S. Polhemus.

On Overtures and Judicial Business.—Revs. Anson DuBois, C. F. C. Suckow. Elder, Fred. Bach.

On Nominations.—Revs. A. S. VanDyck, Theo. Shafer. Elder, J. J. Demarest.

On Treasurer's Report.—Revs. O. J. Hogan, E. W. Greene. Elder, P. S. Polhemus.

On Systematic Beneficence.—Revs. H. Vanderwart, E. G. Ackerman. Elder, A. P. Sutphen.

ARTICLE III.

COMMUNICATIONS.

The following were received:

Notices from the Boards of Missions of the appointment of delegates to represent them in this Synod. They were referred to the Committee on Religious Exercises.

An invitation from the Rev. J. W. Gowen, pastor of the Grove Church, New Durham, N. J., to hold the next session of Synod in said church. It was referred to the Committee on Nominations.

In response to the resolutions of sympathy with the President and Cabinet, adopted by the Synod last year, the following answer was received:

EXECUTIVE MANSION, WASHINGTON,
May 20, 1898.

MY DEAR SIR:

I beg leave to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of recent date, embodying a copy of resolutions, and to state that it has had the President's careful attention.

Assuring you of the President's sincere appreciation of the cordial words of approval of the policy of the Administration in regard to the matter referred to in the resolution, I am,

Very truly yours,

JOHN ADDISON PORTER,

Secretary to the President. *C.*

Rev. PETER STRYKER,
President, etc.,
Asbury Park, N. J.

A telegram was received from the Particular Synod of New York to this effect:

WALDEN, N. Y., May 3, 1899.

Rev. TABER KNOX, Warwick, N. Y.:

The Particular Synod of New York, in session at Walden, sends christian geetings to the Particular Synod of New Brunswick, in session at Warwick, New York, as true yoke fellows in the Master's service. May we these days labor together in nearness of hearts as in nearness of persons for the upbuilding of our common Zion.

D. VAN PELT, *Stated Clerk.*

It was referred to the Committee on Synodical Minutes, who prepared and forwarded the following response:

"The Particular Synod of New Brunswick responds to your fraternal greetings with a united prayer that the Divine Spirit will bless you in every effort at the strengthening of His Zion."

ARTICLE IV.

CORRESPONDENCE WITH OTHER SYNODS.

Copies of the Minutes of General Synod and of the Particular Synods of New York, Albany and Chicago, for 1898, were received and referred to the Committee on Synodical Minutes, who reported that they had examined them and found nothing calling for action by this Synod.

The report was adopted.

ARTICLE V.

CLASSICAL REPORTS.

The Committee on Classical Reports presented the following, which was adopted :

Report of the Committee on Classical Reports.

Your Committee on Classical Reports have tabulated the statistics, and have read with interest the reports coming from the nine Classes which constitute this Particular Synod. They reveal the fact that the condition of the church is very much like that of a bucket hanging in a well, now up and then down. But all the while the church, like the bucket, is drawing from the eternal spring, and carrying the water of life to thirsty souls.

The year just past has not been very remarkable in our history. It tells the old story. In some particulars there has been an increase, in others a loss. Evidently good and conscientious work has been done by the pastors, and the churches have been fairly prospered. The number of churches and ministers has been the same as in the preceding year, and there are two more candidates whose names are on our list. The number of families reported is 310 less than last year but probably this is owing to a revision of the roll, and not to a decrease in the size of the congregations. Of our members 491 have been translated to the church triumphant. This is 105 more than the previous report indicates. But, notwithstanding this loss to us, the records show 252 more on the membership roll than were reported in 1898. It is worthy of mention that there is an increase in the number of infants baptized, 115 more than last year ; but the number of adult baptisms is less by 19. There are 1,263 more Catechumens reported, but we regret to say in the total enrollment of Sabbath School attendants there are 1,847 less.

Under the head of contributions we note that the offerings for de-

nominational objects are diminished by the sum of $3,221, while those for other objects show an increase of $5,104. The amount contributed for congregational purposes is less than last year by $5,593. There is nothing in these figures particularly to alarm, and surely nothing to elate us.

The year just departed has been a trying one to many of our churches financially on account of the late War with Spain, and because we have had so many stormy Sabbaths. Yet it must be admitted we have not given as largely as we could and should for the spread of Christ's Kingdom in the world. The average contribution for each communicant to benevolence was only $2.77. Less than this indeed, for much of the funds contributed have doubtless come from non-communicants. This you will note is not only for denominational objects, but all benevolent purposes, through the church as a channel. Think of it! Only $2.77 for a year. This less than 1 cent a day. Had our 30,308 members each given one cent a day on the average we would have received and disbursed the large sum of $26,691.04, over and above that which we have received and disbursed. How long will it take to convert the world if the members of our churches in this garden spot of intelligence, wealth and supposed piety cannot be induced to give at least a cent a day for benevolence.

We need expansion not only in our offerings for benevolence, but in church work. The population in our field is constantly and rapidly increasing. Should we not keep up with this growth by planting more churches? Are there not places within the bounds of this Synod which are inviting us to come and occupy them for the Lord? We know one at least on the sea coast, where fine edifices are being erected and in which there is only one church—the Episcopal—and that open only in the Summer season. A few dollars invested by us in that locality would bring large returns for our denomination. This Synod recommends that each Classis enjoin it upon their Committee of Church Extension to be vigilant in finding localities for church extension, and when found such localities should be promptly occupied.

It is evident our venerable and beloved church needs more holy consecration. If we evinced more liberality in giving, God would be pleased, and would grant us a fresh baptism of the Holy Spirit. Per contra, if we had more of the grace of God in our hearts we would bestow more largely and willingly of our substance for the furtherance of Christ's Kingdom in the world. Let us then continue to pray for a revival of true religion in all our hearts. This must begin with the leaders of God's people. In our holy war the Ministers and Elders must be in the van. The sacramental host will follow. We should

be liberal in giving, earnest in working, spiritual in our daily life, and in every way consistent and loving disciples of our Lord. If we are, the people, young and old, will follow us, and the Kingdom of Christ will be established.

We find three records of death in the ministry within the bounds of this Synod during the last year. These dear brethren, Revs. Edward Birdsall, H. Schnellendreussler, and John N. Jansen rest from their labors, and their works follow them.

With this hasty and brief review we leave the reports from the several Classes to speak for themselves.

Respectfully submitted,

PETER STRYKER,

Chairman of Committee.

CLASSIS OF BERGEN.

The Committee on the State of Religion reports that it has examined the reports of the 19 churches of the Classis, and while the figures in the financial columns showing material prosperity are smaller than those of last year, the figures in the column of membership show an increase that marks the blessing of God upon the labors of his servants. The total number of members received by both confession and certificate is 354, raising our enrollment to 3,537, and giving an actual gain for the year of 125. There has been an increase of 600, or nearly ten per cent. in the enrollment of scholars in our schools, bringing to us vastly increased responsibility. Three new schools have been organized during the year. There has been a loss of $563.78 in the contributions to denominational objects, and a loss of $810.79 in contributions to other objects. $1,101.08 increase is reported in the contributions for congregational purposes. Nearly all of the churches report progress. The following extracts from the reports are worthy of notice.

First Hackensack reports another year of blessed sowing and reaping. Despite the temporary illness of the pastor, the church has prospered because of the hearty co-operation of the people who have nobly borne the burden of the battle. A new Sunday-school has been organized and is prospering.

Third Hackensack reports accessions to both Church and Sabbath-schools. All running expenses of the church have been paid, a new carpet purchased and laid, and there is a surplus in the treasury. Peace, harmony and good will prevail.

New Durham reports the establishment of two new Sunday-schools in growing sections. The efforts at the church and the West Hoboken Chapel have called for the constant attention of both pastors.

Closter reports a revision of the roll and a renewed interest and membership in the Christian Endeavor Society and an effort on the part of its membership for evangelistic work.

Westwood shows an increase in the membership of Church, Sunday-school and all societies. The church building has been enlarged by the addition of a new wing on each side.

First Hoboken expresses generous gratitude to God for unmistakable evidence of his presence. The consistory has been enlarged from six to eight members. There have been 31 accessions and a normal increase of revenue.

Hasbrouck Heights is thankful for Divine blessing upon the preaching of the Word. The Ladies' Aid Society has founded a sinking fund for the liquidation of the mortgage on the church property. The Sunday-school is more prosperous than at any time in the history of the enterprise.

Spring Valley, for a long time pastorless, reports prosperity and contributions to each of the Boards of the Denomination besides gifts to other benevolences.

Guttenburg rejoices in another year of steady and harmonious work. Repairs have been made to the building. There is a growing Spiritual feeling leading to hope for much good work next year.

The general work of the Classis is most encouraging and saying "Hitherto hath the Lord helped us," we should be awakened to renewed efforts for a coming year.

Respectfully submitted,

W. R. ACKERT, *Chairman.*

SOUTH CLASSIS OF BERGEN.

Your Committee on the State of Religion would respectfully report:

Reports from all except one of the churches in the Classis, Bergen Point, have been received. The reports are full of encouragement. Every church reports progress along both material and spiritual lines. The Gospel has been faithfully preached under the ministrations of regular pastors in all of the churches.

To the regret of the Classis, the Rev. Robert K. Wick's connection with the Wayne Street Reformed Church ends with the close of this church year. During his eight years in the Wayne street church, Mr.

Wick has successfully wrought in the work of the Lord. The Classis and his church both feel that it will not be easy to fill his place.

Reports from the churches:

The Bergen Reformed Church reports "that the church is well organized for efficient service." Its various organizations are spoken of in detail as working energetically and successfully in the Lord's work.

The First Bayonne reports that "an effort to persuade out of town members to take letters of dismission, especially those who have been absent for a long time, together with deaths recorded, shows our total membership to be the same as last year's report. Every department of church activity is doing good work."

Park Reformed reports "steady progress" with "revival spirit prominent."

First German Evangelical reports an accession of sixty on confession of faith, with material improvements connected with church property.

St. John's German Evangelical emphasizes in its report the missionary character of its work, and a very large measure of success in the same.

The Second Church of Hudson City reports progress in all departments of church activity. "All the working machinery of the church is in good order, which has recently, under the influence of the Holy Spirit, been reinforced by a large Brotherhood of young men.

The Free Reformed reports encouragement in work accomplished and in prospects for useful mission efficiency for the future.

The Wayne Street reports one of the best years in its history both materially and spiritually.

The Third Bayonne reports extensive material improvements to church property during the year. $500 paid on mortgage.

On comparing this year's reports with those of previous years, we find that there is a gain of 127 members, an increase of $236.32 to denominational objects, and of $9,279.73 to congregational purposes.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

H. C. CUSSLER.

CLASSIS OF MONMOUTH.

Report of Committee on State of Religion:

A hasty survey of the reports of the churches—the best that their late arrival into the hands of your Committee permitted—shows that it has been with us a year of only or barely average prosperity.

Faithful work has been done, the Gospel has been preached in its purity, but the visible results have been small. In this respect our

Classis is not singular. From all parts of the church and from all denominations comes the confession this year of spiritual barrenness. Of powerful revivals there have been almost none, while the regular additions on confession are very generally below the average. The cause of this it is very desirable to ascertain, though not easy. Is it only the ordinary ebb and flow in supernatural as in natural processes, a time just now of ebb, nature's pause in preparation for new activities, the period of spiritual gestation, the upper room waiting before the pentecostal hour may strike? Is it the diversion of the popular attention to the exciting topics of the war which has been begun and ended in the 12 months here covered? Or is it the unhappy result on the one hand of the prevalent theological unrest, the extension of loose theories of inspiration, the relegation of the Scriptures from the high place of Divine oracles to the lower shelves of religious literature and on the other hand of the decadence of the vigorous Calvinism of former days, the loss of the consciousness of sin, the change in the theological standpoint from the holiness of God to an easy good-naturedness which makes little demand upon conscience?

Whatever be the cause—and we think all of these may have contributed—the fact remains to be heeded by a church believing in a day of retribution as well as a day of grace. Shall it not rouse us to examine not only our gospel, but also our life, whether it be such as commends us to every man's conscience?

Another problem suggested by these reports is that of the future of the country parish. Time was when our strongest churches were in rural districts, and when they were able to command the services of our most distinguished pastors. But economic and social changes are in progress which have entirely altered these conditions. The drift is from the farm to the town, and from the town to the city. The old homesteads are falling into the hands of a foreign peasantry who are seldom protestant, frequently irreligious. In the New England and Middle States are scores and hundreds of rural churches of all denominations, once lusty with a vigorous life, who are now barely able to maintain their existence by great sacrifice on the part of the faithful people and pinching economy on the part of the discouraged pastor.

The Collegiate union of neighboring congregations under one minister, the discontinuance of ruinous sectarian rivalries in small communities, the endowment of churches that are really needed with funds to eke out limited and decreasing incomes, are some of the lines along which we must seek relief.

It is grateful to record the peace and harmony which have prevailed in all our congregations. With the installation of Rev. E. W. Greene

on April 12th, 1898, at Keyport, all our churches have had pastoral oversight save Highlands, and that has enjoyed the regular services of a faithful student missionary. No deaths or changes have broken our little circle.

More particularly *Holmdel* makes mention of the spiritual dearth just lamented, while it testifies to benevolence fully up to or above the average, the faithful payment of the liabilities incurred three years ago in church repairs, and a year of co-operation and peace.

The energies of *Middletown* have been largely absorbed in much-needed church improvements very satisfactorily completed, leaving an inconsiderable debt, while to the credit of the people be it said, notwithstanding the many weeks they were out of their sanctuary, the benevolent offerings have not been materially reduced.

Second Freehold reports small additions, several deaths, specially of their dearly beloved older people, the accession of a number of new families, and a diversified list of benevolences above the average.

Keyport closes the year without debt, with increased attendance upon the Sabbath-school and prayer meetings, but without marked gain in membership or strength.

Long Branch makes the fullest report of any, and one of hopefulness, of steady repair of the breaches made in years past, and of consolidation and advance, for which we heartily join the pastor and people in giving thanks.

Highlands reports conditions about the same as last year, but a note from Mrs. Allen to your Committee, insists that changes taking place in the vicinity emphasize the need of a prompt forward movement on our part before some other denomination enters the open door.

Colts Neck is not discouraged by the depleted constituency already adverted to. Notwithstanding the stormy weather and the interrupted attendance, benevolence has increased and offerings for church support but slightly diminished. All the activities of the church are faithfully sustained.

Asbury Park has felt with its neighbor congregations, the effects of unsuccessful summer seasons, and this in a community overstocked with churches. But this, as the oldest, realizes its right to live, and is energetically doing its work. The lecture room to be built this spring will be a convenience, and afford greater facilities of effective service.

Marlboro reports the enlargement of the village chapel by the loyal effort and sacrifices of the people. There have been no additions to church membership during the year.

A comparison of totals shows 36 less families than last year, 12 more

received on confession, 89 less in total membership, with a slight increase in contributions for benevolence and church support.

Respectfully submitted,

I. P. BROKAW.

CLASSIS OF NEWARK.

State of Religion :

It is required of a Steward that he be found faithful. The reports sent me by the pastor's of this Classis are as it were so many accounts of stewardship. The task assigned me is to gage the state of religion in this Classis on the basis of these reports. What do they indicate in the way of fidelity to the cause of Christ? Have we been faithful stewards.

If figures stand for facts, they tell more eloquently than words the story of a year's service.

Tracing these figures I am convinced that our pastors, as a rule, have been faithful.

The reports testify to a sense of duty and a desire to do that duty fully—"Duty in the doing is glory in the winning."

For the first time in several years we have churches without pastor's. Belleville our oldest and North our largest are to be designated as "vacant" (an unfortunate term.) The parsonages may be vacant but these churches are not. The congregations are there and the work will go on.

"Men may come and men may go," but the right kind of a church goes on forever.

These shepherdless flocks are seeking pastors, and pastors are seeking these flocks, and as the Scotch woman said, "Where two are seeking there's sure to be finding."

Several of our churches have enjoyed special blessings which are reported with gratitude.

Clinton Avenue heads the list in the accessions both by letter and on confession, 116 new members having been received during the year, 86 at the Easter communion, while the spiritual interest gives promise of still more to follow. The whole Classis rejoices with this church and its pastor in their harvest joy.

Trinity, Plainfield, records the generous gift of $4,500 by Mr. B. A. Hagerman whose liberality relieves this church from debt incurred in improvements to the church. Such a gift deserves recognition. It brings cheer and encouragement to others beside the church immedi-

ately benefitted. May God raise up helpers for other churches in our Classis, where a similiar gift would bring long looked for relief.

Montclair Heights.—The erection of a new house of worship for the young Montclair Heights Church is another matter of special interest to this Classis. This young church in its new building and under its first pastor ought to have the sympathy and support of all our churches.

First Church.—The completion and dedication of the new building of the First Newark in a new location is also part of the history of the past year. This most beautiful sanctuary in the great city of Newark is a credit to our denomination.

As to a comparative review of the statistics of the churches, I can only say that as several reports were not received up to this morning this cannot be given.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN S. ALLEN.

CLASSIS OF NEW BRUNSWICK.

The Committee on the State of Religion respectfully report that the usual reports have come in from all the churches of the Classis. In regard to the general report of the churches there is a slight gain in some statistics, but in all the others a large decrease. This decrease is owing to the state of the times. Most of the churches have felt the financial stringency and show it in markedly diminished contributions. In gifts to denominational objects there is a decrease of $1,437.39. In other $278.06. In congregational purposes of $1,073.72. However the decrease, though great, is due to such well known causes that we feel that they will soon be changed and there be an increase in the coming year. It is well for us to be fully aware of the conditions.

First New Brunswick.—All the ordinary means of grace have been sustained. Peace and harmony prevail. The church has started a Brotherhood of Andrew and Philip, besides its other societies. It is to celebrate the one hundredth anniversary of its Sunday-school on May 21st. Though they have contributed to the war, yet the people have been no less liberal to the Boards of the church.

Six Mile Run.—All public services and the exercises of the Sunday-school and the meetings of the various societies have been well attended. The missionary interest is still kept up, being greater because of Rev. S. M. Zwemer and his wife living in the bounds of the church. The unusual number of deaths and dismissals has decreased the membership.

Hillsborough.—Reports a year of quiet work. There is nothing of

special notice. All the departments of church work and life have been carried forward with fidelity and zeal.

Middlebush.—The year has been one of ordinary prosperity and spiritual interest. The unfavorable weather and bad roads of the last months have interferred with their benevolent contributions.

Griggstown.—It has many reasons for thankfulness. The regular services maintained. The usual life in church and Sunday-school societies kept up.

Second New Brunswick.—Harmony prevails and the church rejoices over the continued prosperity. On account of many members who had moved away some time ago and now taken their letters the membership is diminished. The Consistory granted Dr. Hutton three months leave of absence to travel in Palestine and Prof. Mulford has the charge of the church.

Bound Brook.—It has revised its roll and the list of members is rereduced. It is greatly encouraged over the work of the year. The accession to to the church is most gratifying and it feels full of encouragement for the year to come.

Third New Brunswick.—Merely gives the statistical report.

East Millstone.—The means of grace have been kept up. The unfavorable weather interfered with the services of week of prayer and prevented the ingathering hoped for. The church property has been improved.

Metuchen.—The roll has been revised and the membership is less. The year has been most prosperous. The Sunday-school has grown, and the finances are the most prosperous of any during the present pastorate.

Suydam Street.—No marked interest to note, but a quiet, steady growth. The church feels that now it must beautify and improve its interior and hopes to accomplish it this year.

Highland Park.—During the year the new church was dedicated. The people are drawn closer together for work and to encourage each other.

Spotswood.—It has had a large accession to the church for which it is grateful. In the Sunday-school a Home department has been inaugurated that is hoped to exert an influence on the surrounding country.

Ecclesiastical Changes.—The Classis licensed and dismissed Candidates as follows:—Theodore F. Bayles to the Classis of Kingston, Charles W. Gulick to the Classis of Newark and John Van der Meulen to the Classis of Ulster.

ALAN D. CAMPBELL, *Chairman.*

J. O. BAYLES.

Accepted and adopted in stated session of Classis, Tuesday, May 18, 1899, at Griggstown, N. J.

THEODORE SHAFER,

Stated Clerk pro. tem.

CLASSIS OF PARAMUS.

The Committee on the State of Religion presents the following extracts from the reports of the individual churches:

The church of *Acquackanonk* reports a delightful feeling of peace and harmony, and that a new church and parsonage site have been bought. The church is grateful to God for the continuance of His loving kindness.

The church of *Centreville* mentions especially the faithful work of the Sunday-school and of the young people's or Christian Endeavor Society, also that church and parsonage have been repaired.

Clifton mourns the loss of its pastor, Rev. Edward Birdsall, who died suddenly on the evening of April 8, 1899.

Garfield reports faithful labor and a firm conviction that all difficulties will yield to persevering toil.

Glen Rock.—Nothing of importance to report.

Hawthorne reports a steady growth and increased attendance at the services, also improvement in the contributions.

Lodi, Holland is in a healthy and prosperous condition. This congregation contemplates the building of a parsonage.

Nyack mentions the helpful work done by the several organizations in the church.

Paramus refers, like many other churches, to the interruptions in church work on account of unfavorable weather during the past winter. The need of a large outpouring of the Holy Spirit is felt.

Pascack.—No remarks.

Passaic, 1st Holland.—No remarks.

Passaic, North, reports a year of quiet labor, and mourns the death of their Senior Elder, Edo Kip, whose upright, loving, faithful life has been a daily example and blessing to the church.

Broadway, Paterson, mentions the renovation of the church building, to bring in first-class condition. The pastor laments the fact of a lack of sufficient interest in family religion, and is aiming to improve the conditions in this respect.

Paterson, 1st Holland, rejoices in a growing membership and an increase in the gifts for denominational objects.

North Paterson reports progress in spiritual matters, an increase in contributions for benevolence.

Paterson, Second, is thankful for a year of peace, harmony and ordinary prosperity.

Piermont.—A year of hard work and of good results in many directions. Sunday-school growing notably. Christian Endeavor increasing in strength. Ladies' Missionary Society a power.

Ramapo has suffered on account of illness of the pastor, but with his returning strength hopes for a better showing in the year to come.

Ridgewood.—The spirit of perfect harmony prevails, excellent audiences, some striking conversions, financial condition above par.

Saddle River.—Harmony and good feeling prevail. A steady growth in spiritual matters and church attendance. Considerable work has been done in the line of church improvements.

Spring Valley.—The church is thankful for the faithful assistance from the various societies in the church, and in consequence of extra expenses for congregational purposes, contributions for benevolent purposes have been less.

Tappan.—The regular services of the church and the work of the various societies has been well sustained. The church property has been kept in good condition.

Warwick.—Especial progress in Sunday-school organization and work. Unusual religious interest in the community, and the church organizations are in a promising condition.

West New Hempstead.—Has been without a pastor since the Fall session of Classis, but a provisional call has been extended to Henry W. Brink, of New Brunswick Theological Seminary.

Wortendyke, Holland.—This church reports encouraging conditions existing in every branch of church work. The Rev. W. Lubach was installed pastor at the beginning of the church year.

M. FLIPSE, *Chairman.*

Ministerial Changes.—April 19, the pastoral relation existing between the Second Church of Lodi, N. J., and the Rev. William Johnston was dissolved, and May 25th, 1898, Mr. Johnston was installed pastor of the church at North Paterson and Hawthorne, N. J. May 11th, 1898, Rev. W. Lubach was received from the Classis of Rochester and installed pastor of the church at Wortendyke, N. J.

June 13th, 1898, Hans H. Spoer, a graduate of the Theological Seminary at New Brunswick, N. J., was licensed to preach the Gospel. October 18th, 1898, the pastoral relation between the Rev. Thomas S. Dusinberre and the church of West New Hempstead, was dissolved.

April 8th, 1899, the Rev. Edward Birdsall, pastor of the church at Clifton, N. J., departed this life.

THEO. W. WELLES, *Stated Clerk.*

CLASSIS OF PASSAIC.

Your Committee on the State of Religion presents the following report:

All of the churches of the Classis have forwarded their reports to the Committee in due form. From them we glean much that is encouraging and sufficient also to cause us to humble ourselves before God. While making advancement in some respects we can hardly claim to have accomplished all that was possible. Is there not something humiliating in the fact that it has required 3,300 christians and $31,500 to gain 174 volunteers for Christ? This is the story the tabulated report seems to tell. Doubtless pastors and elders have labored faithfully, and many have agonized in prayer for the salvation of scores who are as yet indifferent. Must ecclesiastical bodies convene year after year and report the failure of the church to receive a suitable income from her investments? If souls were to be valued in dollars and cents, such a condition as is repeatedly reported might cause distressing humiliation. In casting up the accounts of the Classis we are reminded of the statement of the eminent educator, Horace Mann, to the effect that reformatories would pay for all their cost if only one boy was saved. When a gentleman took him to task for his statement by asking, "Did you not color that a little when you said that all the expense and labor would be repaid if it only saved *one boy?*" he made the convincing reply—"*not if it was my boy.*" Remembering Christ has taught that a single soul is of greater value than the world, we can not look upon our work, though showing only meagre results, as in any wise a failure. Its value is estimated not alone by the number added to the church roll, but by the quickening and sanctifying of christians, by the priceless comfort administered, by the power to restrain from evil, and by its inestimable blessing upon the youth. Such results cannot be tabulated; statistics cannot always show the status of a church. Still we must look for those outward signs of growth that are necessary for the triumph of the Gospel. Comparing this year's report with our last one we note a loss of 6 families, but a net gain in membership of 43; with the same number of Sunday-schools the enrollment has decreased 147; the number of infants baptized is 32 less than last year. There has also been a decrease in the amounts

raised for "Denominational Objects" ($104), "Other Objects" ($1,314), and "Congregational Contributions" ($277). Your committee calls special attention to the fact that only once since 1891 have the contributions for "Denominational Objects" been less than this year, although in these 8 years we have gained 283 families and 821 members, and expended $8,128 more for congregational purposes. Evidently the grace of liberality needs more cultivation.

There is every reason to believe faithful work has been done in the past year. The result is especially gratifying in the number of accessions to the churches of Fairfield, Pompton, and First Totowa. Spiritual advancement is apparent all along the line of our churches. Through extracts from their "Remarks" they will now be permitted to speak for themselves.

Boonton reports a year of no special interest. The various societies connected with the church have done their work in the usual manner, especial mention being made of the efficiency of the ladies and the young people. "The services and ordinances of the church have been regularly maintained." "The year has been with us one of peace and good will."

Fairfield states, "The Lord is still with us, and prospering our work in this branch of his vineyard. At present we rejoice in a good financial and social condition." The hope expressed in their last annual report has been partially realized in the large number of the accessions they have had during the year.

First Little Falls "Closes the church year with gratitude to God for the many blessings received." A year ago they lamented the loss of their faithful and beloved pastor, but express their gratitude to God for leaving them only a few months without an undershepherd. "Changes have necessarily made this year experimental." In addition to the regular services special union services were held for three weeks, and also the week preceding Easter when the pastor delivered a series of sermons on "the Passion of the Lord." "A vigorous Junior Endeavor Society has been established. The temporal and spiritual condition of the church is prophetic of good things. "We take courage and move forward, praying as we advance."

Second, Little Falls sends only the statistical report.

Montville reports a year of quiet work. The various organizations of the church are said to be alive, but not in the highest state of activity. "The ordinances of God's house have been regularly administered and the Gospel has been proclaimed in the firm belief that God's word shall not return unto him void, but that it shall accomplish that

which he pleases and that it shall prosper in the thing whereto he has sent it."

People's Park speaks of trying spiritual and financial circumstances during the past year. We rejoice that they can say at the end of the year "we have only borrowed trouble for so far the Lord has helped us."

Pompton has witnessed earnest effort and faithful work by all of the Christian organizations. A special work for men is in charge of a Brotherhood of Andrew and Philip. A Home Department has been added to the Sunday-school. The interest of the people at Wanaque is being manifested by the repairs made upon their chapel. Notwithstanding some adverse circumstances interfering with the regularity of services there has been a large number of accessions to the church with a material net gain in membership.

Pompton Plains expresses gratitude for the blessings of the year. Although there has not been the desired advancement along spiritual lines, the church is in a healthful condition. A marked spirit of unity prevails, the services held during Passion Week were very profitable. A new organization among the young ladies—The Willing Workers,—swells the list of those which have been of material aid to the church. "We are gratified to state that along with the expense of thoroughly renovating the church ($2,000) we have exceeded our apportionment for Foreign Missions, and very nearly reached it for Domestic Missions and the Board of Education.

Ponds quotes Matt. xxv : 23 as especially applicable to some of its members. The remainder of the report reads "we are expecting a resurrection of buried hopes. Families may move away and old people die but God's work never stops."

Preakness laments that their offerings for benevolence have fallen a little short of their apportionment, but is taking steps to make up the deficiency before the fiscal year of the Boards closes. Sickness and storms have materially affected the attendance at the regular church services. Prosperity and blessing have attended their labors for which they are grateful to the Heavenly Father.

Riverside reports "a year of activity and blessing." At its close as we review the record, we say "Hitherto hath the Lord helped us." Although, like the rest of our churches, they have been affected by stormy Sundays and prevailing sickness, they speak of gratifying financial success. All liabilities have been met and a mortgage decreased by three hundred dollars. All of the societies are rendering efficient service. "The year has been one of sowing rather than of ingathering. Yet we have many evidences of God's presence in developing his people,

giving them a mind to work, and then blessing their efforts to the salvation of souls."

Sixth, Holland sends no report other than the statistical. From this we learn that the church is progressing and laboring faithfully. They have contributed $670 for the poor of their congregation, and reduced their mortgage by the payment of $2,000.

First, Totowa announces a marked increase in membership and contributions for denominational objects. They say, "The presence and blessing of the Lord have been manifest throughout the year, and coming days are full of promise. The spirit of harmonious effort is the marked characteristic of our people. Every organization of our church aims to be a living witness to the truth."

Union Reformed "Has enjoyed the usual blessings." Notwithstanding the prevailing sickness only one of the large number of communicants has died during the past year. The list of members has been carefully examined and revised. "On the whole the church has been doing well, as far as the outward appearance of church life is concerned. Of the real progress of the inward spiritual life God only can judge."

Wyckoff states "we have spent and labored during another year in perfect harmony and peace."

A regret felt by a majority of pastors is expressed in their report, viz: that a more vital, personal interest has not been taken in religion, and that more do not appropriate the Bread of Life. They close by saying, "there is a time of sowing as well as of reaping. This past year has surely been a time of sowing. We trust, we pray, and we watch with diligent painstaking for the time of reaping."

Ecclesiastical Changes.—The Rev. Cornelius M. Steffens was received from the Classis of Rochester, Sept. 8, 1898, and installed pastor of the First Reformed church of Little Falls, Oct. 4, 1898.

JASPER S. HOGAN, *Chairman.*

CLASSIS OF PHILADELPHIA.

In making a partial comparison between last year and this in the work of the churches, as shown in the tabular statement, there is not found, it must be confessed, the encouragement we could wish. Last year 1,607 families were reported, this year 1,521, or 86 less; last year there were 2,869 communicants, this year 2,751, or 118 less; last year 131 were received into membership by confession, this year fewer by 44, or 87; fewer were received also by certificate, 60 last year 33 this, or nearly one-half less. The dismissions last year were, however,

greater than this year, or 76 against 53, or 23 more ; and there are 292 enrolled in the Sunday-schools the present year in excess of the number in 1898. Ten more deaths among members of our churches took place this year than last, or 43 ; there were 29 fewer infants baptized and 27 fewer adults. These figures naturally have a somewhat depressing tendency, there is warning in them, but not necessarily any modicum of discouragement. There should be found in them holy provocation for the people of God and the Master's work.

These figures, moreover, in a certain point seem worse than they are, inasmuch as one of our largest churches has very laudably cut down its roll both as to families and as to membership, getting wholesomely rid of an expansion that had lost any possible virtue that it may once have had.

Detailed reports from the churches within classical bounds express regret over the extremely inclement weather encountered the past winter, by reason of the hindrance it caused in public religious services. But these reports, nevertheless, disclose a manfully hopeful spirit and a cheerful and intelligent spiritual courage. There can be no doubt that faithful, thoroughly earnest work has been done, and even less doubt that, with patience, the end, in the Master's good time, will fitly crown that work. Brief excerpts—a line or two—from the word directly sent by each of these churches, so far as reporting, are here given :

North and South Hampton.—Nothing special to mention. A year of spiritual upbuilding rather than numerical growth. Benevolent gifts fully as large as any in recent years. Prospects encouraging.

Harlingen.—Services during the year well attended. Collections have been made to each of the boards and funds of the church, and the Theological Seminary and American Sabbath Union have been added to the schedule of offerings. Valued members have been taken home to God from among us, but the example of their consecrated lives remains to animate.

Neshanic.—Stormy Sabbaths and bad roads have been a great hindrance to religious work, but the attendance at public service has been encouraging. Benevolence has suffered by reason of hard times with the farmers, yet is maintained. Have had no special seasons of refreshing, but the spiritual condition of the church is about as usual. Activity among the various church societies is noted.

First, Philadelphia.—A winter of unprecedented storms, seriously interfering with church effort, and no unusual results can be reported as following from the preaching of the Word. In a constantly growing Sunday-school the seed is being sown with faith for a future harvest.

Second, Philadelphia.—Have had many difficulties the past year,

having been without a pastor most of the time. Changing character of the population about the church complained of—a problem very serious. Looking now hopefully toward the future.

Fourth, Philadelphia.—The Consistory have carefully revised the roll of the church, placing on a separate list the names of many who have removed from the ward and the city. Feel grateful that we know our strength. The church is in a healthy condition both spiritually and financially.

Blawenburgh.—Nothing special to note. Sabbath services have been well attended the past winter notwithstanding the unusual weather conditions. Missionary collections smaller than we had hoped to report. Indications of a continuance of healthy growth with us.

Stanton.—Sends statistical report only.

Clover Hill.—Sends only statistical report.

Rocky Hill.—Members are working together harmoniously in all departments of the church. Are compelled to report loss of families by death and removals. Incoming families very transient and hard to influence or interest religiously.

Fifth, Philadelphia.—The severe winter has caused both a diminished church attendance and lessened contributions. With the joyful Easter greetings we are encouraged and inspired with new hope. Our gifts for benevolence are less than last year. Business depression continues to be badly felt in our part of the city. Have attended to the wants of the needy in our midst, and cheer and good will prevail in the congregation.

Addisville.—Results of the year not as encouraging as we anticipated. Sectarian effort to build up a church at the expense of its neighbor complained of. We are conscious of doing the Lord's work and of not doing it in vain.

Three Bridges.—A year of no striking features with us in church life. The auxiliary societies have continued to maintain a commendable activity. A $1,500 mortgage which had rested upon the parsonage was removed, and during the year the church entered upon the second quarter-century of its existence. An increase of 25 per cent. in contributions to benevolent objects is noted. The church rejoices in unusual financial and spiritual health.

Talmage Memorial.—Continued activity and growth in all departments of church work, despite unfavorable and sometimes discouraging conditions. The church spiritually healthy, with increase of interest in missions. Sunday-school especially encouraging and fruitful.

South Philadelphia.—Sends no report.

Ecclesiastical Changes.—The following have occurred during the

year: On Nov. 25, 1898, the pastoral relation between the Rev. Chas. S. Wyckoff and the South Philadelphia Church was dissolved, and he dismissed to the Classis of Saratoga, within whose bounds he had received and accepted a call. On April 11th, 1899, the Rev. W. H. Williamson was received from the Classis of Michigan and placed in charge of the Second Reformed Church of Philadelphia. On the same date the Rev. Isaac L. Kip was received from the Classis of Raritan, and arrangements made for his installation as pastor of the South Philadelphia Reformed Church.

WM. J. SKILLMAN,

Chairman of Committee on State of Religion.

CLASSIS OF RARITAN.

Your Committee on the State of Religion in this Classis would respectfully report as follows:

Reports were received from all the churches but one, and in this there is little to notice in the way of any unusual manifestation of spiritual life or growth. The good seed has been sown faithfully, and in faith, and while there has been but little ingathering during the year, yet the laborers are not discouraged, but trust the Master's promise "that His word shall not return to him void, but shall accomplish that whereto he hath sent it" in His own good time.

The statistics presented, accompanied by brief remarks, show what has been done, in some of the columns there is an increase over last year, in others a decrease.

The *First Church, Raritan* makes a good showing, on which there are no remarks.

The *Church of Readington* has nothing special to note, save as the results of some special evangelistic services, believers were quickened and some souls were hopefully converted. The benevolent offerings were in advance of those of the last year.

The *Church of Bedminster* reports favorably, that the year has been one marked by quiet uninterrupted prosperity. Charitable offerings have been above those of last year, missionary gifts have also exceeded the past, peace and harmony prevail, and altogether we are thankful for the past and hopeful for the future.

The *Church of Lebanon* says that stormy Sabbaths, impassable roads and an unusual amount of sickness have worked adversely to both the temporal and spiritual interests of the church, a good feeling prevails

in the church, and charactizes all our work for the Master, whose we are and whom we serve.

Rockaway, is encouraged in every department of the work by the presence and grace of God, and are now making due preparation for the erection of a new edifice, to take the place of the one which was consumed by fire on last October.

North Branch, in addition to the statistics have nothing special to report, only that our increase has been mostly in the culture, and edification of those who are professed followers of Christ.

Second Raritan reports that the past year has been one of quiet growth and edification without any unusual incidents to record. The services of the church have been well sustained, and the benevolent contributions have surpassed those of last year; all current obligations have been met, leaving a balance in the treasury. Several of the most valued members of this church have been removed by death during the year, yet we give thanks for their useful lives, and rejoice in their behalf, that they have entered into their blessed reward.

Peapack reports that the much needed improvements in the renovation of the church have been completed, even beyond anticipation; and while there are no accessions on confession to report, yet the spiritual interests of the church have not been neglected, and we purpose with God's grace to prosecute the work he places in our hands, as a portion of his spiritual Zion.

South Branch says, we have emerged from a winter of unusual difficulties with indications of healthfulness, and renewed activity, and our reasons for thanksgiving and encouragement are so many and great as to rebuke every tendency to complaint and regret. Opportunities for God's service in this field have increased, and the outlook is hopeful.

Third, Raritan.—In addition to the statistics, this church says: Considering the times and the depression in the manufacturing interests upon which our town is so largely dependent, we have done well in temporal matters. As to spiritual, we regret that more has not been accomplished. And the Great Head of the church only knows how much has been done and the results to follow.

The fiftieth anniversary services of this church, held last May, were largely attended, enjoyable and profitable, we believe, to all who were present. We have great reason for thankfulness for a harmonious people and a united church.

Pottersville gives statistics, but no remarks.

High Bridge.—No report, but filled up from last year.

Church of Annandale gives statistics, but no remarks.

Fourth Church, Raritan, gives a good report in additions to the membership, while contributions have been slightly diminished, attributed, in part, to the inclement winter through which we have passed and to the meagre wages paid in our factories, in which many of our people are employed. On the other hand, we have received many encouragements, and are thankful for the Divine blessings we have received.

Respectfully submitted,

A. McWILLIAM.

STATISTICAL TABLES.

CLASSIS OF BERGEN.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census, Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS. Rec'd. On Confession.	Rec'd. On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	BAP. Infants.	Adults.	No. of Baptized Non-Communicants.	C. C. & S. S. Catechumens.	Number of Sabbath-Schools.	Total Enrollment.	CONTRIBUTIONS. Benevolent. Denominational Objects.	Other Objects.	Congregational.	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
First Hackensack	Herman Vanderwart	207	10	5	2	4	4	509	10	4	200	300	2	500	$1,490 00	$ 537 00	$4,500 00	Hackensack, N. J.
Schraalenburgh	Geo. H. Cotton	10	26	11	9	...	...	175	4	14	.....	30	1	174	224 35	220 50	1 713 05	Schraalenburgh, "
English Neighborhood	Marcus J. Roop	60	3	4	1	...	1	68	1	...	20	25	1	80	120 60	.....	1,290 74	Ridgefield, "
New Durham	{ Isaac W. Gowen / W.R AckertAss't }	282	57	18	6	... ...	8	*588	78	17	439	.....	6	2,200	1,179 86	247 17	4,840 16	Weehawken, " Weehawken, "
First Hoboken	Conrad Bluhm	65	18	13	1	...	1	*133	5	4	.....	25	1	243	37 94	31 98	1,408 28	Hoboken, "
North Bergen	John Justin	70	8	.....	1	...	4	92	21	...	.....	28	1	480	220 43	60 00	1,619 76	Weehawken, "
Second Hackensack	Arthur Johnson	215	14	6	8	...	7	448	10	3	.....	.....	1	300	1,091 27	1,177 20	6,997 17	Hackensack, "
German Ev., Hoboken	John Rudolph	260	61	.....	23	...	29	538	251	5	.....	258	2	750	156 74	556 00	6,150 00	248 Garden St., Hoboken.
Third Hackensack	John Bombin	72	8	1	1	...	1	72	32	...	.....	10	2	160	3 07	1 00	700 00	Hackensack, N. J.
Closter	Henry Ward, (s. c.)	70	2	4	6	...	3	128	20	1	50	90	1	137	130 00	25 00	1,675 00	Closter, "
Palisades	Artemas Dean	*58	1	1	2	...	1	59	16	...	80	.....	1	130	107 93	.....	1,030 78	Fort Lee, "
Guttenberg	Wm. Mauchee, (s.s.)	34	7	.....	3	...	2	54	10	3	.....	20	1	275	37 00	10 00	1,218 00	Passaic. "
Central av., Jersey City	Chas. S Wright	130	12	11	8	...	3	251	13	2	.....	250	1	495	126 60	....	3,493 91	89 Bowers st., Jers'y City.
Cherry Hill	Abram Duryee	65	3	3	...	...	4	95	4	1	.....	.....	1	154	143 37	28 21	1,506 93	Cherry Hill, N. J.
Secaucus	Vacant	20	.....	.....	...	...	...	20	.....	...	12	.....	1	104	.....	.....	150 00	Secaucus, "
Spring Valley	Vacant	20	.....	...	...	...	2	21	2	...	...	.....	1	62	45 90	5 75	289 50	Maywood, "
Westwood	D. M. Talmage	80	2	12	1	...	1	123	5	1	.....	.....	1	329	272 69	27 03	1,599 62	Westwood, "
Oradell	John T. E. DeWitt	70	2	5	4	...	...	83	2	...	34	110	1	193	232 23	22 32	1,890 13	Oradell, "
Hasbrouck Heights	Chas. I. Shepherd	70	7	1	2	...	...	80	8	1	38	60	1	110	15 50	20 00	1,364 75	Hasbrouck Heights, "
	Total	1,958	241	95	78	...	71	3,537	492	56	873	,206	27	6,876	$5,695 48	$2,967 16	$43,437 78	

Other Ministers.—J. H. Ballagh, Yokahama, Japan; Chas. L. Clist, Far Rockaway, N. Y.

Candidates.—Karl Krause, Robert W. Blake.

*Revised List.

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Bergen	Cornelius Brett	347	13	17	6	...	8	660	21	1	200	400	3	670	$1,979 00	$1,044 00	$ 8,129 00	509 Bergen ave., Jersey City.
First, Bayonne	Chas. H. Jones	354	11	5	11	...	5	663	23	4	.....	.....	2	886	474 07	862 96	4,866 36	763 Ave C, Bayonne, N. J.
Wayne st.	Paul D. VanCleef †	92	12	11	18	...	4	147	10	...	.....	.....	1	276	952 00	570 00	4,002 00	288 Barrow st., Jersey City.
Park, Jersey City	J. Francis Morgan	220	33	9	11	2	5	362	22	13	100	75	1	376	178 54	142 00	4,208 61	281 Pavonia ave., Jers'y City
Bergen Point	Asbury E. Krom	‡74	1	....	3	...	1	115	.....	...	50	71	1	138	359 21	.....	3,329 67	La Tourette House, Bayonne
Second, Hudson City	Emil A. Meury	230	18	6	1	...	19	521	126	7	160	264	1	640	114 07	439 95	3,079 88	14 Sherman Place, J. City.
Lafayette	Tinis J Kommers	143	12	20	6	...	1	182	1	6	72	164	1	334	358 61	49 55	*8,532 63	239 Pacific ave., Jersey City.
Greenville	Charles J. Allen	150	5	3	9	...	1	241	25	...	...	.....	1	420	84 79	29 78	3,356 00	39 Columbia Place, J. City.
Free, Jersey City	Henry C. Cussler	100	6	4	2	...	...	128	10	...	56	90	1	180	38 97	29 29	1,468 67	105 Grand st., Jersey City.
Third, Bayonne	Herbert L. Franzen	‡62	4	..	4	...	1	100	20	...	20	6	1	140	....	.....	790 00	36 W. 21st st., Bayonne.
First, Ger. Ev'gelical	John Heiniger	127	60	...	27	...	1	358	37	...	72	17	1	357	25 30	75 00	2,252 65	338 Montgomery st., J. City.
St. John's, Ger. Evg.	Gottlieb Andraea	92	20	...	8	1	5	221	70	10	100	120	3	360	14 14	180 00	1,700 00	48 Fairview ave., J. City.
	Total	1,991	195	75	106	3	51	3,698	365	41	730	1,217	17	4,777	$4,878 70	$3,402 51	$45,715 47	

† Pastor Emeritus. ‡ Last year's report. * Includes cost of organ.

Other Ministers.—Jas. L. Amerman, Ass't Sec'y Board of Foreign Missions, 25 E. 22d street, New York ; Wm. D. Grant, Hespeler, Ontario, Canada.

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First, Freehold	Chas. W. VanZee	84	.....	.....	5	...	4	178	.....	...	.....	161	2	161	$ 83 95	$ 12 78	$ 2,125 76	Marlboro, N. J.
Holmdel	Garrett Wyckoff	65	1	.....	6	1	1	153	3	1	75	80	1	113	376 50	43 70	1,700 00	Holmdel, "
Middletown	Peter K. Hageman	50	6	3	4	...	3	*115	4	4	40	60	1	90	136 61	7 00	2,926 58	Middletown, "
Second, Freehold	Isaac P. Brokaw	150	6	4	3	...	8	347	3	3	80	150	1	328	897 40	143 60	2,615 70	Freehold, "
Keyport	E. W. Greene	48	1	1	3	...	2	106	.....	...	30	.....	1	112	38 00	23 00	1,189 25	Keyport, "
Long Branch	Bergen B. Staats	82	6	2	2	...	1	136	10	...	59	.....	1	166	82 43	34 61	1,655 47	Long Branch City, "
Colts Neck	S. R. Cunningham	59	2	1	2	...	6	100	2	2	.....	50	1	61	93 39	31 67	1,053 06	Colts Neck, "
Highlands	Vacant	23	5	....	....	...	...	25	....	...	.....	.....	1	90	.....	.....	.....	.....
Asbury Park	Peter Stryker	80	9	3	5	...	4	*120	4	2	34	60	1	80	219 00	31 00	1,737 00	Asbury Park, "
	Total	641	36	14	30	1	29	1,280	26	12	318	561	10	1,201	$1,927 28	$327 36	$15,002 82	

* Revised list.

Other Ministers.—Elias Mead, Passaic, N. J.; W. H. VanDoren, Griggstown, N. J.; Jas. T. Schock, s. c., Keyport, N. J.

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Belleville	Vacant	160	22	3	7	...	5	265	10	5	...	150	1	241	$ 299 35	$140 60	$ 2,750 00	
First, Newark	T. J. Lee	220	.....	...	.....	...	...	†217	.....	...		.....	.....	315	.....	.....	.....	692 High st., Newark, N. J.
Irvington	C. E. Wyckoff, s. c	102	4	10	8	...	6	154	6	...	... ...	25	1	233	42 04	93 50	2,617 03	Irvington, N. J.
New York av., Newark	John S. Allen	160	16	2	3	...	2	*263	12	3	.....	.....	1	378	409 44	273 83	2,619 59	100 New York av., Newark.
Franklin	Wm. Stuart	85	.....	1	.....	...	3	113	4	...	...	118	1	118	234 83	4 78	1,283 68	Nutley, N. J.
North, Newark	Vacant	440	27	20	13	...	11	866	12	...	....	.....	3	1,461	12,213 12	5,285 71	21,604 17	.....
West, Newark	Carl Girtanuer	74	25	....	10	...	7	230	115	...	.....	40	1	230	24 00	9 30	1,035 14	Blum st., Newark, N. J.
Clinton ave., Newark	Daniel H. Martin	450	75	41	20	...	12	785	13	17	.....	... ...	2	850	2,321 00	179 27	8,431 23	1 Johnson, ave., Newark.
Trinity, Newark	J. N. Morris	150	18	6	2	...	2	170	10	3	97	.....	1	440	163 53	60 00	3,300 00	483 Ferry st., Newark.
Linden	N. M. Sherwood, s. s	21	3	3	.....	...	...	38	3	2	.....	.....	1	79	15 57	.....	955 03	329 Communipaw av., J. City
Christ, Newark	I. V. W. Schenck	166	7	6	8	...	3	233	6	1	6	.....	1	270	53 66	420 00	2,498 00	84 Delevan ave., Newark.
Stone House Plains	W. E. Bogardus	45	.....	.....	.....	...	1	98	3	...	.....	.....	1	91	153 77	14 00	925 00	Brookdale, N. J.
Orange	George S. Bishop	285	23	9	12	...	5	575	6	6	.....	100	1	300	1,052 41	160 30	4,388 66	East Orange, N. J.
Trinity, Plainfield	Cornelius Schenck	255	13	23	9	...	6	525	14	2	.....		1	425	870 02	297 16	10,449 04	Plainfield, N. J.
German, Plainfield	George Hauser	35	5	....	8	...	1	80	8	...	....	5	1	60	25 00	.....	1,250 00	Plainfield, N. J.
Montclair Heights	Charles W. Gulick	.....	2	5	2	...	1	20	....	...	.....	.....	1	45	49 97	15 00	4,641 16	Montclair Heights, N. J.
	Total	2,428	240	129	102	...	65	4,632	322	39	103	438	18	5,536	$17,927 71	$6,953 45	$68,747 73	

* Revised roll. † Last year's report.

Other Ministers—Charles E. Hart, New Brunswick, N. J.; Oscar Gesner, Linden, N. J.; M. G. Hansen, 70 Ashland ave., East Orange, N. J.; James C. Garretson, Rahway, N. J.; Charles L. Lawrence, 207 Clifton ave., Newark, N. J.

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First, New Brunswick.	P. Theo. Pockman.	280	23	14	22	2	11	675	22	4	.....	175	1	439	$1,247 42	$ 657 52	$4,810 42	219 Townsend st., N. Bruns'k.
Six Mile Run.....	G. M. S. Blauvelt...	120	5	.....	7	...	8	265	2	3	.....	200	5	213	929 00	57 00	1 500 00	Franklin Park, N. J.
Hillsborough.....	Theodore Shafer...	145	.....	8	8	...	7	305	5	...	95	50	7	250	300 36	93 84	1,842 98	Millstone, N. J.
Middlebush	James LeFevre.....	65	1	.....	5	...	1	120	3	...	...	90	1	100	260 00	84 65	1,400 00	Middlebush, N. J.
Griggstown	James L. Southard	52	2	.....	...	..	2	108	2	1	....	30	2	91	111 87	10 85	723 12	Griggstown, N. J.
Second, NewBrunsw'k	M. H. Hutton, s. c.	164	5	6	17	...	4	372	2	...	100	170	2	289	1,150 86	816 88	4,964 31	26 Union st., New Brunswick.
Bound Brook	Chas. T. Anderson.	70	7	.....	3	...	2	*135	3	..	.....	.... .	1	165	87 00	6 50	1,302 98	South Bound Brook, N. J.
Third, New Brunsw'k	Carl Meyer.....	10	.....	.....	2	...	..	20	.....	...	32	.....	1	22	25 95	....	205 85	New Brunswick, N. J.
East Millstone..	A. Paige Peeke	72	.....	.....	3	...	1	133	.....	...	.....	50	1	75	99 66	16 67	1.217 87	East Millstone, N. J.
Metuchen..	John H. Raven	69	5	2	5	...	2	*166	4	3	.....	89	1	139	349 00	14 00	1.529 00	Metuchen, N. J.
Suydam st., N.Bruns'k	Alan D. Campbell..	60	4	7	5	3	5	238	10	...	.....	235	1	235	503 95	74 75	2,598 75	146 Livingston av., N. Bruns'k.
Highland Park.....	Alex S. VanDyck..	41	3	2	2	...	3	78	4	...	....	.....	1	82	76 19	8 00	1,238 40	Highland Park, "
Spotswood.....	John O. Bayles.....	45	13	4	...	...	2	*86	1	5		....	1	65	41 05	11 31	800 00	Spotswood, N. J.
	Total	1,173	78	43	80	5	48	2,701	58	16	227	1,089	25	2,155	$5,182 31	$1,851 97	$24,133 68	

Other Ministers.—Jacob Cooper, New Brunswick ; W. H. Steele, Newark ; E. S. Booth, Japan ; E. Lord, Patchogue, N. Y.; H. D'B. Mulford, New Brunswick ; John DeWitt, 311 Montgomery street, Jersey City ; Aug. F. Todd, Dunellen, N. J.; John B. Thompson, Trenton, N. J.

Candidates.—T. D'W. Reiley, New York ; A. G. Van Aken, Jamesburg.

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Acquackanonck	John Gaston, Em.. Ame Veunema.....	179	15	8	15	...	7	396	4	...	230	300	1	346	$1,577 80	$2,238 78	$15,192 78	Passaic, N. J. Passaic, "
Centerville	Anson DuBois.....	20	.....	.....	.....	...	..	46	8	...	....	30	1	100	30 00	.....	811 00	Athenia, "
Clarkstown	Garret M. Conover...	96	10	2	11	...	...	177	4	5	.....	.....	3	218	....	194 43	1 625 14	West Nyack, N. Y.
Clifton	Vacant	55	5	5	6	...	1	101	5	3	42	.....	1	242	38 21	40 67	1,533 35	Clifton, N. J.
Garfield	W. G. Myles.....	60	8	8	...	...	...	79	8	2	.....	.....	1	150	35 43	.....	727 06	Garfield, "
Glen Rock	Vacant	16	2	.....	1	...	...	21	.....	...	.....	.....	1	55	14 08	.....	338 50	Ridgewood, "
Hawthorne	Wm. Johnston	47	9	8	1	...	...	47	9	1	11	10	1	90	18 00	.....	474 87	Hawthorne, "
Lodi, First Holland..	Tunis H. Hoonte.....	80	10	10	2	...	2	152	12	...	250	120	1	140	46 00	.....	1,000 00	Lodi, "
Lodi, Second	Vacant	.....	.....	.....	...	...	...	.....	.....	...	.....	.....	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Nyack	Wm. J. Leggett.....	170	15	5	9	...	9	382	9	4	65	150	1	205	1,353 59	251 37	4,266 59	Nyack, N. Y.
Paramus	Wm. H. Vroom.....	113	2	3	5	...	3	205	4	...	.....	.....	1	160	337 32	5 00	2,861 04	Ridgewood, N. J.
Pascack	Edward Lodewick...	100	3	4	5	...	2	150	3	1	.....	100	1	150	302 87	17 60	1,936 95	Park Ridge, "
Passaic, 1st Holland,	Martin Flipse.....	235	2	8	3	...	2	391	52	2	.....	250	1	310	148 00	11 00	3,500 00	Passaic, "
Passaic, North	J. H. Whitehead.....	110	13	.....	9	...	2	288	0	...	.....	200	1	297	1,120 60	358 79	7,170 90	Passaic, "
Paterson, Broadway	Elias W. Thompson.	110	5	4	2	...	5	253	2	1	.....	....	1	235	543 64	541 32	5,131 35	67 Auburn st., Paterson, "
" 1st Holland	Fred. G. Dekker.....	130	19	16	1	1	8	320	37	...	345	120	1	170	125 00	105 00	1,949 00	50 Clinton st., Paterson, "
" North	Wm. Johnston.....	35	1	5	2	...	1	41	8	...	30	12	1	112	20 00	.....	420 94	.....
" Second	Theo. W. Welles, s.c.	170	11	4	8	...	5	300	21	3	.....	103	1	450	325 81	331 42	6,686 07	17 Temple st., Paterson, "
Piermont	Edward S. Ralston...	60	7	1	5	...	1	112	3	2	.....	.....	1	120	265 89	108 56	1,837 40	Piermont, N. Y.
Ramapo	A. A. King.....	70	1	.....	.....	...	...	157	9	...	.....	.....	2	220	60 60	5 00	1,222 05	Mahwah, N. J.
Ramseys	Vacant	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	...	.....	.....	...	.....	.....	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Ridgewood	J. A. VanNeste	124	11	12	7	...	5	240	10	3	257	60	1	221	408 20	114 52	5,819 12	Ridgewood, "
Saddle River	I. VanKampen.....	71	2	1	.....	...	1	82	.....	...	.....	43	1	87	36 63	130 00	1,850 53	Saddle River, "
Spring Valley	C. E. Crispell.....	80	2	3	.....	...	2	122	3	...	61	133	1	169	263 15	43 66	1,240 55	Spring Valley, N. Y.
Tappan	M. N. Oliver.....	60	6	5	3	...	...	149	.....	6	50	40	1	97	143 67	10 00	1,239 69	Tappan, "
Warwick	Taber Knox.....	150	4	8	7	...	7	266	5	2	91	110	1	101	1,118 83	302 74	2,813 71	Warwick, "
West, N. Hempstead	Vacant	48	1	.....	4	...	1	98	4	1	24	53	1	60	90 75	5 38	502 68	Viola, "
Wortendyke, Holl'd.	W. Lubach	70	8	5	...	...	...	188	18	1	170	73	1	76	10 37	.....	942 50	Wortendyke, N. J.
	Total	2,485	197	125	106	1	64	4,763	247	37	1,626	1,907	29	2,381	$8,434 50	$4.875 24	$73,093 77	

Other Ministers.—Robert M. Offord, Passaic, N. J.; Cornelius R. Blauvelt, Nyack, N. Y.; Henry Dater, Hawthorne, N. J.; Nathaniel H. Van Arsdale, *Christian Intelligencer*, 4 and 6 Warren St., New York.; Thomas S. Dusinberre, Warwick, N. Y.

Candidates.—Hans H. Spoer.

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Boonton	Alex. McKelvey	75	2	3	....	...	...	102	1	...	.....	.....	1	103	$ 219 57	$ 38 29	*$ 1,241 07	Boonton, N. J.
Fairfield	Otto L. F. Mohn	60	16	2	5	...	6	93	3	10	.....	.....	1	110	94 00	15 00	1,462 43	Fairfield, Essex Co., "
First, Little Falls	Cornelius M. Steffens	74	5	6	7	...	2	159	5	2	.....	.....	1	144	127 08	18 55	2,360 20	Little Falls, "
Second, Little Falls	Vacant	25	5	2	....	...	1	33	8	2	.....	20	1	45	40 00	.....	130 00	Little Falls, "
Montville	Abraham Mattice	50	.....	.....	3	...	...	104	2	...	.....	50	1	90	78 15	14 00	827 91	Boonton, "
People's Park, Prt'sn	John Smit	115	4	5	5	...	3	205	24	1	143	130	1	230	51 99	.....	1,628 02	Paterson, "
Pompton	Ferdinand S. Wilson	140	14	8	8	...	5	265	11	11	50	200	2	325	417 85	36 60	2,172 61	Riverdale, Morris Co., "
Pompton Plains	Jasper S. Hogan	152	7	6	3	...	4	286	2	3	.....	.....	4	425	563 68	24 14	†4.229 54	Pompton Plains, "
Ponds	John W. Foster	65	.....	5	1	...	3	91	3	1	.....	90	1	85	40 00	.....	837 50	Oakland, Bergen Co., "
Preakness	Geo. W. Labaw, s. c.	40	4	...	3	...	1	90	3	2	.....	100	2	100	115 22	29 81	1,391 74	23 Bank st., Paterson, "
Riverside, Paterson	John B. Church	120	4	6	2	...	2	150	7	...	.....	200	1	407	171 52	46 79	2,388 28	37 East 15th st., " "
Sixth, Holland, "	E. VanHetloo	550	20	4	15	...	14	900	80	...	.....	450	1	540	209 18	48 69	5,650 00	Paterson, "
First, Totowa, "	Thos. Powell Vernoll	150	27	7	4	...	7	353	16	7	.....	260	1	360	408 76	78 09	4,460 70	Paterson, "
Union, Reform'd "	H. E. Nies	220	5	6	6	1	1	394	27	...	760	180	1	320	112 00	281 14	1,773 00	Paterson, "
Wyckoff	A. Westveer	86	1	....	1	...	4	152	4	...	76	80	1	80	116 39	.....	956 33	Wyckoff, Bergen Co., "
	Total	1,922	114	60	63	1	53	3,377	196	39	1,029	1,760	20	3,364	$2,765 39	$631 10	$31,509 33	

* Exclusive of legacies.

† Including $1,950 for church repairs.

Other Ministers —J. C. Cruikshank, Sc. D., Inwood ave., Upper Montclair, N. J.; Louis J. Lockwood, Ghent, N. Y.; J. W. Conklin, Springfield, Mass.; G. A. Luckenbill, Bacon Hill, N. Y.

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No. & So. Hampton..	Horace P. Craig.....	110	1	5	9	...	3	*214	10	..	.....	296	5	401	$ 359 84	$ 10 70	$ 1,526 00	Churchville, Pa.
Harlingen	Francis M. Kip, s. c.	120	2	2	1	...	7	219	3	1	95	.....	†4	215	179 14	22 35	1.496 85	Harlingen, N. J.
Neshanic.....	John Hart.	120	8	8	8	...	3	242	6	3	100	50	†4	262	297 45	98 10	1,800 00	Neshanic, N. J.
First, Philadelphia...	P. H. Milliken.....	120	12	.....	6	...	3	196	3	1	90	180	2	283	971 36	82 30	....	1433 Poplar st., Phila., Pa.
Second, " ...	W. H. Williamson, S.S	129	2	.....	18	...	3	240	.....	..	.....	190	1	225	83 69	15 00	2,950 25	725 N. Sixth " " "
Fourth, " ...	P. J. Kain.....	*222	24	3	..	...	4	*405	5	2	240	475	1	509	382 00	351 00	3,963 95	141 Grape st., Manayunk, Pa.
Blawenburgh	John S. VanOrden...	76	4	.....	1	...	1	166	....	1	.....	100	1	105	118 65	14 00	1,035 62	Blawenburgh, N. J.
Stanton	A. C. Bird.	72	.....	...	1	...	2	144	.....	...	.....	25	1	54	41 64	.....	943 72	Stanton, N. J.
Clover Hill.....	E. G. Ackerman.....	72	.....	7	7	...	2	137	3	...	32	40	1	70	20 10	.....	700 00	Clover Hill, N. J.
Rocky Hill.....	O. J. Hogan	60	3	....	1	2	3	128	3	1	31	.....	1	142	132 22	18 83	1,009 49	Rocky Hill, N. J.
Fifth, Philadelphia..	C. F. C. Suckow.....	160	2	..	...	...	5	218	28	...	.....	21	1	302	199 46	36 42	1,948 50	2223 E. Susq. av., Phila., Pa.
Addisville	Sidney O. Lawsing...	59	2	.....	1	...	2	123	4	1	.....	... ..	†3	200	196 38	....	1.177 00	Richboro, Pa.
Three Bridges.....	O. M. Voorhees.....	81	7	3	...	...	3	148	2	5	40	45	1	110	113 58	10 46	859 50	Three Bridges, N. J. [Pa.
Talmage Memorial..	H. C. Willoughby....	95	10	5	...	...	2	157	6	...	65	107	1	287	148 11	3 00	1,637 27	387 Conarroe st., Rox'boro'h
South, Philadelphia.	Isaac L. Kip, P. E....	‡25	.....	.....	...	...	...	14	.....	...	.....	.....	1	90	.....	.....	353 00	1713 Mifflin st., Phila., Pa.
	Total.....	1,521	77	33	53	2	43	2,751	73	15	693	1,529	28	3,259	$3,243 62	$662 16	$21,401 15	

‡ Last year's report. * Revised list. † 1 Union.

Other Ministers.—G. E. Gramm, Ardmore, Pa: A. Stoll, Raipore, Central Provinces, India; W. J. Skillman, Editor of *City and State*, 4216 Pechin Street, Philadelphia, Pa.; N. I. M. Bogert, Metuchen, N. J.

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First, Raritan	Wm. S. Craumer	205	4	17	7	...	11	438	5	2	.....	200	1	300	$ 859 67	$ 471 19	$ 8,088 65	Somerville, N. J.
Readington	B. V. D. Wyckoff	135	4	5	10	...	7	305	2	2	175	.....	4	225	237 34	72 90	1,236 39	Readington, "
Bedminster	T. Walker Jones	110	.....	10	14	...	3	226	4	...	.....	.....	1	180	361 99	304 47	2,079 25	Bedminster, "
Lebanon	Wm. E. Davis, s. c.	220	5	4	9	...	8	400	5	1	.....	.....	*5	304	85 62	18 64	2,477 99	Lebanon, "
Rockaway	H. P. Lyman-Wheaton	113	2	2	1	...	2	172	4	...	.....	29	5	176	83 13	26 29	4,146 00	White House, "
North Branch	P. M. Doolittle	106	1	1	10	...	1	167	6	...	.....	55	2	.....	332 05	110 99	1,262 52	North Branch, "
Second, Raritan	E. G. Read	244	18	22	7	...	10	685	9	5	.....	300	1	710	1,263 40	88 10	11,098 99	Somerville, "
Peapack	Howard C. Hasbrouck	92	.....	3	3	...	3	192	4	...	.....	75	1	130	66 80	49 41	2,142 15	Peapack, "
South Branch	Isaac Sperling	114	3	4	6	...	5	185	3	1	95	45	3	152	284 91	21 00	1,429 37	South Branch, "
Third, Raritan	Wm. H. DeHart	140	6	4	6	...	3	312	14	...	81	120	1	348	598 14	345 10	1,960 90	Raritan, "
Pottersville	Wilmer McNair, s. s.	52	2	3	4	...	5	84	4	1	.....	.....	1	104	43 12	13 56	726 48	Pottersville, "
High Bridge	Vacant	.....	.....	7	4	...	1	147	2	...	.....	.....	1	150	103 12	5 00	‡1,595 73	High Bridge, "
Annandale	Henry B. Allen	67	2	3	4	...	4	106	1	...	.....	.....	1	127	353 01	10 95	1,242 74	Annandale, "
Fourth, Raritan	F. Koechli	70	7	1	...	...	...	150	15	...	.....	4	.....	.....	29 00	15 00	670 00	Somerville, "
	Total	1,768	54	86	85	...	67	3,569	78	12	351	528	27	2,904	$5,449 30	$1,553 40	$40,147 37	

* Three Union. ‡ Last year's report.

Other Ministers.—Henry Stout; John F. Mesick, D.D., 236 East Market Street, York, Pa.; Charles H. Pool, D.D., Somerville, N. J.; Andrew J. Hageman, Somerville, N. J.; A. McWilliams, Somerville, N. J.; Minor Swick, Somerville, N. J.

SUMMARY VIEW OF THE PARTICULAR SYNOD OF NEW BRUNSWICK. MAY, 1899.

CLASSES.	Churches.	Ministers.	Candidates.	Census. Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS.						BAP.		No. of Baptized Non-Communicants.	C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS.			STATED CLERKS.
					Rec'd. On Confession.	Rec'd. On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.		Catechumens.	Number of Sabbath-Schools.	Total Enrollment.	Benevolent. Denominational Objects.	Benevolent. Other Objects.	Congregational.	
Bergen	19	20	2	1,958	241	95	78	...	71	3,537	492	56	873	1,206	27	6,876	$5,695 48	$2,467 16	$ 4,343 78	Henry Ward.
South Bergen	12	14	...	1,991	195	75	106	3	51	3,698	305	41	730	1,217	17	4,777	4,878 70	3,402 51	45,715 47	Henry C. Cussler
Monmouth	9	11	...	641	36	14	30	1	29	1,280	26	12	318	561	10	1,201	1,927 28	327 36	15,002 32	Jas. T. Schock.
Newark	16	18	1	2,428	240	129	102	...	65	4,632	322	39	103	438	18	5,536	17,927 71	6,953 45	68,747 73	C. E. Wyckoff.
New Brunswick	13	23	2	1,173	78	43	80	5	48	2,701	58	16	227	1,089	25	2,155	5,182 31	1,851 97	24,133 68	Theo. Shafer.
Paramus	28	29	1	2,485	197	125	106	1	64	4,763	247	37	1,026	1,907	29	2,381	8,434 50	4,875 24	73,093 77	T. W. Welles.
Passaic	15	18	...	1,922	114	60	63	1	53	3,377	196	39	1,029	1,760	20	3,364	2,765 39	631 10	31,509 33	Geo. W. Labaw.
Philadelphia	15	19	...	1,521	77	33	53	2	43	2,751	73	15	693	1,529	28	3,255	3,243 62	662 16	21,401 15	F. M. Kip.
Raritan	14	19	...	1,768	54	86	85	...	67	3,569	78	12	351	528	27	2,904	5,449 30	1,553 40	40,147 37	Wm. E. Davis.
Total	141	171	6	15,887	1,232	660	703	13	401	30,308	1,857	267	5,950	10,235	201	32,449	$55,504 29	$23,724 35	$324,094 60	

ARTICLE VI.

CLASSICAL MINUTES.

The Committee on Classical Minutes reports:

The Minutes of all the Classes except that of Paramus have been presented and the reports on them are as follows:

DAVID M. TALMAGE,
B. B. STAATS,
J. H. CONDIT.

Classis of Bergen.—19 Churches.

Records carefully and neatly kept with nothing requiring the action of Synod.

The answers to Constitutional questions, Nos. 2 and 3, are as follows:

No. 2, 10 Yes. 7 No. 2, No Report.
No. 3, 16 Yes. 1 Yes in part. 2, No Report.

MINOR SWICK,
ARTHUR P. SUTPHEN.

South Classis of Bergen.—12 Churches.

Your Committee would report that they have examined the minutes and find

1st. They are neatly and correctly kept.
2nd. Nothing demands the especial attention of this Synod.
3rd. The Constitutional questions were answered as follows:

2nd Question, 8 Churches, Yes. 2 No.
3rd " 9 " Yes. 1 No.

Two of the Churches were not represented.

Respectfully submitted,
P. K. HAGEMAN,
G. C. LUYSTER,

Classis of Monmouth.—9 Churches.

Records contain nothing requiring action of this Synod.

The answers to the Constitutional questions 2 and 3 are recorded as follows:

2nd Question, 7 Churches, Yes. 1 No.
3rd " 7 " Yes. 1 No.

One Church not reporting.

CORNELIUS M. STEFFENS,
PETER VAN ZEE.

Classis of Newark.—16 Churches.

1st. The Minutes of the Classis of Newark have been examined and found correct.

2nd. The records contain nothing requiring the action of this Synod.

3rd. The Constitutional questions are answered as follows:

2nd Question, 5 Churches, Yes. 9 No.
3rd " 13 " Yes. 1 No.

Two Churches not represented.

JAMES L. SOUTHARD,
JOSIAH COLE.

Classis of New Brunswick.

Your Committee have examined the Minutes of the Classis of New Brunswick and find them correctly and neatly kept.

The Constitutional questions are reported and answered as follows by the Churches represented at the meeting, and all answered Yes, save one, from which there was no delegate.

W. E. MYLES,
J. ECKERSON DEMAREST.

Classis of Passaic.—15 Churches.

1st. Minutes have been examined and found correct.

2nd. Nothing requires the attention of Synod.

2nd Question, 7 Churches, Yes. 8 No.
3rd " 15 " Yes.

ADDISON C. BIRD,
JOSIAH COLE.

Classis of Philadelphia.—15 Churches.

1st. Records carefully and neatly kept.

2nd. We note nothing demanding special attention.

3rd. The answers to the 2nd and 3rd Constitutional questions are as follows:

2nd Question, 7 Churches, Yes. 5 No, 1 in part.
3rd " 13 " Yes.

No representatives from the Churches of Clover Hill, and South Philadelphia, and no answers to any of the questions.

GEORGE W. LABAW,
HENRY A. GREEN.

Classis of Raritan.—14 Churches.

On page 287 occurs the minutes of an adjourned meeting of the Classis for the purpose of installing a minister. There was no quorum

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present at the meeting as only two Elders appeared. No record can be found of a confirmation of the action of that meeting by a legally constituted meeting of the same Classis.

2nd Question, 9 Churches, Yes. 4 No. 1 Blank.
3rd " 13 " " Yes. 1 Blank.

W. R. ACKERT,
D. D. BLAUVELT.

The following additional resolution was adopted :

Resolved, That the attention of the Classis of Raritan be called to their failure to formally approve the acts of members of the Classis, Nov. 10, 1898, and that the Classis be directed to make such approval.

The report as a whole was then adopted.

ARTICLE VII.

CLASSICAL APPEALS.

Nothing Occurred.

ARTICLE VIII.

CLASSICAL REFERENCES.

Nothing occured.

ARTICLE IX.

CHURCH GOVERNMENT.

Nothing occured.

ARTICLE X.

DOCTRINES AND MORALS.

Nothing occured.

ARTICLE XI.

CUSTOMS AND USAGES.

Nothing occured.

ARTICLE XII.

CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS.

Attended to.

ARTICLE XIII.

SYNODICAL INJUNCTIONS.

Attended to.

ARTICLE XIV.

BENEVOLENT BOARDS.

The Committee on Systematic Beneficence reported as follows:

Following in the wake of the stirring remarks on our Synod's beneficence in the report of the State of Religion, your committee would emphasize every word. The statistical tables of our Classes for the year just closed show that while there has been an increase of communicants there has been a decrease for denominational objects of $3,222—the average per member last year was $1.97, this year it is $1.80, a decrease of 17 cents per member after all the urgent pleas of last year for an increase. Surely whilst making due allowance for the stringency of the times during the year past owing to the unsettled and uncertain state of business and the money market, it calls for serious self examination on the part of all our churches and moves us to humble ourselves before God, confessing that we have not brought all the tithes in the storehouse. Do we need to seek and labor, brethren, for a revival of giving among our members? Do we not need to stir up their minds and hearts to self-denial, to self-sacrifice? We believe that in a great number of churches the real need is a systematic, regular giving not only, but a prayerful, conscientious devotion of a definite amount to the calls of God's work at home and abroad. We often sing so heartily "My all is on the altar, I am waiting for the fire," but brethren our all is not on the altar, or else we would not have to wait a second for the fire. The doors of Heaven swing open on the tithes of God's people. Your committee would urge again upon every Consistory in this Synod to make the subject of beneficence the prominent feature in the coming year and stimulate all their members, rich and poor, to give unto the work of our Lord the best and richest of their substance, doing it regularly, doing it proportionally, doing it in season, out of season.

H. VANDERWART, *Chairman.*
E. G. ACKERMAN.
A. P. SUTPHEN.

ARTICLE XV.

TREASURER.

The Treasurer presented his report of receipts and disbursements as follows:

Particular Synod of New Brunswick in Account with I. P. Brokaw, Treasurer.

DR.

1898.		
May 5.—By balance in treasury		$198 77
1899.		
Feb. 3.—By assessment 1898 9, Classis of Newark		28 00
Mar. 13.— " " "	New Brunswick	18 00
" 15.— " " "	Philadelphia	12 00
" 24.— " " "	South Bergen	15 00
" 28.— " " "	Passaic	10 00
" 28.— " " "	Monmouth	8 00
Apr. 7.— " " "	Paramus	30 00
" 13.— " " "	Raritan	15 00
" 17.— " " "	Bergen	17 00
		$351 77

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1898.	
May 5.—To sexton's fee	$ 5 00
" To expenses Speaker and Stated Clerk,	2 50
June 1.—To salary Stated Clerk	50 00
" 8.—To circular letters of notification to delegates (blanks)	1 15
" 21.—To printing minutes	98 18
" 23.—To postage and expressage for one year	7 37
	$164 20
May 2.—By balance	187 57
	$351 77

The report with vouchers was referred to the Committee on Treasurer's report, who having examined it reported that they found it correct.

The report was adopted.

The Treasurer was authorized to lay the necessary apportionment upon the Classes for the expenses of the coming year.

ARTICLE XVI.

PARTICULARIA.

A Committee consisting of Revs. Taber Knox, J. F. Morgan and Elder H. A. Green were appointed to make arrangements for the celebration of the Lord's Supper. They reported as follows: the President of Synod to preside and read the form; to administer the bread, Rev. Anson DuBois; to administer the cup Rev. Bergen B. Staats; assisted by Elders P. S. Polhemus, H. A. Green, Jotham H. Condit and Josiah Cole.

They also recommended the order in which the representatives of

the Boards should be heard at the opening of the afternoon session, as follows: Rev. Jno. G. Fagg speaking for the Foreign Board; Mrs. Paul D. VanCleef, the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions; Rev. I. W. Gowen, the C. E. Missionary League; Rev. H. Vanderwart, the Board of Domestic Missions and Rev. C. E. Wyckoff, the Brotherhood of Andrew and Philip. Mrs. E. B. Horton spoke in behalf of the Women's Executive Committee at the evening session. The hearty thanks of the Synod were tendered these brethren and sisters for their earnest and inspiring words.

The hours of meeting were fixed at 9 A. M., 2 and 7.30 P. M., and of adjourning at 12.15 and 5 P. M.

The Committee on nominations reported recommending the acceptance of the invitation of the Grove Church New Durham, to the Synod to meet with them in 1900, and the appointment of Rev. D. H. Martin, D. D., as speaker, Rev. W. J. Leggett, Ph. D., of Nyack, being his secundus, the speaker to choose his own theme.

The presence of Revs. E. H. Carr, of the Warwick M. E. church, Rev. Dr. Bonner of the Florida N. Y., Presbyterian church and Rev. R. H. Craig of the Amity N. Y., Presbyterian church was cordially recognized. Rev. Ame Vennema addressed the Synod Wednesday evening on "The Example of Christ" and received the thanks of the Synod for the very acceptable service rendered.

The following resolution of thanks was offered by Rev. W. J. Leggett, Ph.D., Vice President, and adopted by Synod:

Resolved, That the hearty thanks of this Synod be given to the pastor and Consistory of the Warwick Church for the use of their church building and the excellent arrangements made for the comfort of Synod, to the families and ladies of the church who have so kindly and bountifully entertained us in their homes and with the collations served in the chapel, and to the choir for their valuable aid at the evening services.

ARTICLE XVII.

DELEGATES TO GENERAL SYNOD.

The nominations of the Classes were confirmed as follows:

CLASSIS OF BERGEN.

PRIMARII.

Rev. Conrad Bluhm,	Elder Milton Demarest,
" John Justin,	" J. C. Meharg,
" Chas. S. Wright.	" J. H. Fink.

SECUNDI.

Rev. Arthur Johnson.	Elder Joseph H. Weston.
" I. W. Gowen,	" Peter Bogert,
" H. Vanderwart.	" F. Schweizer.

SOUTH CLASSIS OF BERGEN.

PRIMARII.

Rev. T. J. Kommers,	Elder Henry Sonderburgh,
" H. C. Cussler,	" M. Schultz,
" C. J. Allen.	" Joel W. Brown.

SECUNDI.

Rev. H. L. Franzen,	Elder Henry Hoersch,
" John Heiniger,	" N. M. Whipple, Sr.,
" G. Andraea.	" M. Schultz.

CLASSIS OF MONMOUTH.

PRIMARII.

Rev. E. W. Green, Ph.D.,	Elder B. Decker, Jr.,
" I. P. Brokaw,	" P. F. Conover,
" S. R. Cunningham,	" J. Statesir.

SECUNDI.

Rev. C. W. VanZee,	Elder L. F. Schanck,
" G. Wyckoff,	" J. Stillwagon,
" P. K. Hageman,	" Chas. Tindall.

CLASSIS OF NEWARK.

PRIMARII.

Rev. C. E. Wyckoff,	Elder S. J. McCawley,
" G. S. Bishop, D.D.,	" Jacob Simonson, M. D.,
" C. Schenck, Ph.D.,	" Irving B. Harrison.

SECUNDI.

Rev. D. H. Martin, D.D.,	Elder James Blair,
" Wm. Stuart,	" John Lancaster,
" J. S. Allen.	" A. Ward, M. D.

CLASSIS OF NEW BRUNSWICK.

PRIMARII.

Rev. P. Theo. Pockman, D.D.,	Elder Howard M. VanCleef,
" Theo. Shafer,	" H. W. Hoagland,
" G. M. S. Blauvelt.	" J. J. Janeway.

SECUNDI.

Rev. James LeFevre, D.D.,	Elder R. S. VanDoren,
" J. B. Thompson, D.D.,	" E. B. Voorhees,
" A. D. Campbell.	" C. S. VanNuis.

CLASSIS OF PARAMUS.

PRIMARII.

Rev. C. E. Crispell, D.D.,	Elder P. T. Ackerman,
" M. N. Oliver,	" J. P. Haring,
" Taber Knox,	" F. V. Sandford,
" N. H. VanArsdale, D.D.,	" C. E. Blauvelt,
" Ame Vennema.	" P. J. Kipp.

SECUNDI.

Rev. Anson DuBois, D.D.,	Elder J. B. Courter,
" G. M. Conover,	" J. C. Haring,
" W. G. Myles,	" J. M. Jones,
" T. H. Hoonte,	" J. Curzon,
" Wm. J. Leggett, Ph.D.	" J. E. Demarest.

CLASSIS OF PASSAIC.

PRIMARII.

Rev. A. Westveer,	Elder Thos. A. Winters,
" T. P. Vernoll,	" J. G. Hopper,
" J. Smit.	" G. Schut.

SECUNDI.

Rev. A. McKelvey,	Elder J. H. Brown,
" A. Mattice,	" M. Jacobus,
" J. S. Hogan.	" G. W. VanNess.

CLASSIS OF PHILADELPHIA.

PRIMARII.

Rev. H. P. Craig,	Elder H. B. Barcalow,
" F. M. Kip,	" A. J. VanNuys,
" John Hart.	" R. R. Stryker.

SECUNDI.

Rev. P. H. Milliken, D.D.,	Elder W. H. Shoeffnor,
" W. J. Skillman,	" Richard D. Smith,
" P. J. Kain.	" A. W. Given.

CLASSIS OF RARITAN.

PRIMARII.

Rev. W. S. Cranmer,	Elder A. P. Sutphen,
" B. V. D. Wyckoff,	" A. J. Thompson,
" T. Walker Jones.	" Robert B. Nevius.

SECUNDI.

Rev. Wm. E. Davis,	Elder A. A. Sutton,
" H. P. Lyman-Wheaton, D.D.,	" J. S. TenEyck,
" P. M. Doolittle.	" James Bell.

ARTICLE XVIII.

INSTRUCTIONS TO DELEGATES.

None were given.

ARTICLE XIX.

ADJOURNMENT.

Synod adjourned at 9.20 P. M. of the second day of the se: hold its next annual meeting in the Grove Church, New Durl the first Tuesday of May, 1900, at 3 o'clock, P. M.

CLOSE OF THE SYNOD.

The minutes were read and approved, the usual number were to be printed, and the Synod adjourned with prayer by Rev Swick and the benediction by the President.

WM. STOCKTON CRANMER, *Pres.*

WM. J. LEGGETT, *Vice President.*

JOHN FRANCIS MORGAN, } *Clerks pro tem.*
ORVILLE J. HOGAN, }

I. P. BROKAW, *Stated C*

Places of Meetings and Presidents.

1869.—First, New Brunswick.....Rev. B. C. Taylor, D.D.
1870.—First, New Brunswick.....Rev. William Reiley, D.D.
1871.—First, VanVorst, Jersey City..Rev. Wm. R. Gordon, D.D.
1872.—Acquackanonck, Passaic.....Rev. W. V. V. Mabon, D.D.
1873.—Second, Freehold.....Rev. John Gardner.
1874.—Second, Newark.....Rev. J. Paschal Strong.
1875.—Second, Somerville.....Rev. George J. Van Neste.
1876.—First, Paterson.....Rev. William R. Duryee.
1877.—Second, New Brunswick.....Rev. William R. Gordon, D.D.
1878.—Bergen.....Rev. J. Howard Suydam.
1879.—First, Philadelphia.....Rev. John F. Mesick, D.D.
1880.—Neshanic.....Rev. James LeFevre.
1881.—Paramus.....Rev. Cornelius Brett.
1882.—Millstone.....Rev. M. H. Hutton.
1883.—First, New Brunswick.....Rev. Paul D. VanCleef, D.D.
1884.—Warwick.....Rev. Theodore W. Welles.
1885.—East Orange.....Rev. Thomas C. Easton, D.D.
1886.—Lafayette, Jersey City.....Rev. David Waters, D.D.
1887.—Lebanon.....Rev. Edward G. Reed.
1888.—Belleville.....Rev. I. P. Brokaw.
1889.—Second, Philadelphia.....Rev. J. Preston Searle.
1890.—First, Somerville.....Rev. Wm. W. Knox.
1891.—Third, Raritan.....Rev. N. H. Van Arsdale, D.D.
1892.—Nyack.....Rev. H. Vehslage, D.D.
1893.—First, Hackensack.....Rev. J. B. Thompson, D.D.
1894.—Broadway, Paterson.....Rev. W. H. DeHart.
1895.—North, Passaic.....Rev. Alan D. Campbell.
1896.—Ridgewood.....Rev. Chas. I. Shepard, D.D.
1897.—Bayonne.....Rev. P. H. Milliken, Ph.D.
1898.—Clinton Avenue, Newark.....Rev. Peter Stryker, D.D.
1899.—Warwick, N. Y.....Rev. W. S. Cranmer.

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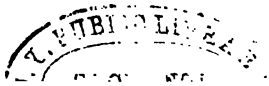

Acts and Proceedings

OF THE

Particular Synod of New Brunswick.

The Particular Synod of New Brunswick met in stated session in the Reformed church of New Durham, N. J., on Tuesday, May 1st, 1900, at 3 P. M., and remained in session until Wednesday, 12.30 P. M.

FORMATION OF SYNOD.

ARTICLE I.

OPENING OF THE SYNOD.

The Synod was opened with prayer by the President, Rev. Wm. S. Cranmer, who also addressed the Synod, on Tuesday evening, from the topic: "A present opportunity."

ARTICLE II.

MEMBERS PRESENT.

Classis of Bergen.—Ministers, Chas. I. Shepard, Abram Duryee, W. R. Ackert, Conrad Bluhm. Elders, A. Doremus, Peter Bogert, J. J. Demarest.

South Classis of Bergen.—Minister, John Heiniger.

Classis of Monmouth.—Ministers, I. P. Brokaw, G. Wyckoff, E. W. Greene. Elder, G. S. Luyster.

Classis of Newark.—Minister, J. N. Morris.

Classis of New Brunswick.—Ministers, Jas. LeFevre, Theo. Shafer. Elder, P. Eugene Nevius.

Classis of Paramus.—Ministers, W. H. Vroom, Martin Flipse, J. H. Whitehead, Fred. G. Dekker. Elder, A. A. Blauvelt.

Classis of Passaic.—Minister, F. S. Wilson.

Classis of Philadelphia.—Ministers, J. S. VanOrden, P. J. Kain, W. H. Williamson, P. H. Milliken. Elders, A. W. Givin, H. W. Rihl, M. D., A. H. Patterson, I. W. Nevius.

Classis of Raritan.—Ministers, Chas. L. Lawrence, H. B. Allen, B. V. D. Wyckoff. Elders, Abner Allen, Wm. VanDoren Layton.

ARTICLE III.

OFFICERS.

Rev. W. H. Vroom, D. D. was elected President.

Rev. P. J. Kain was elected Vice President.

Revs. C. L. Lawrence and J. S. VanOrden were elected Temporary Clerks.

ARTICLE IV.

MINUTES AND BEQUEST OF REV. ELIAS VAN BENSCHOTEN.

These were read.

Acts of the Synod.

ARTICLE I.

RULES OF ORDER.

These were read.

ARTICLE II.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

The following were appointed :

On Synodical Minutes.—Revs. Abram Duryee, W. R. Ackert. El-, A. Doremus.

On Classical Minutes.—Revs. G. Wyckoff, Martin Flipse. Elder, P. Nevius.

Sub-Committee.—

Rev. E. W. Green,	Elder Peter Bogert.
Rev. Theo. Shafer,	Elder J. J. Demarest.
Rev. F. S. Wilson,	Elder A. Doremus.
Rev. J. S. VanOrden,	Elder G. S. Luyster.
Rev. P. J. Kain,	Elder A. A. Blauvelt.
Rev. W. H. Williamson,	Elder H. W. Rihl, M. D.
Rev. P. H. Milliken,	Elder A. W. Givin.
Rev. Chas. I. Shepard,	Elder A. H. Patterson.
Rev. John Heiniger,	Elder I. W. Nevius.

On Classical Reports.—Revs. W. S. Cranmer, B. V. D. Wyckoff. er, A. W. Givin.

On Overtures and Judicial Business.—Revs. Chas. I. Shepard, F. S. son. Elder, Abner Allen.

On Nominations.—Revs. P. H. Milliken, Theo. Shafer. Elder, H. Rihl, M. D.

On Treasurer's Report.—Revs. H. B. Allen, Chas. L. Lawrence. er, Abner Allen.

On Systematic Beneficence.—Revs. B. V. D. Wyckoff, W. H. Wilnson. Elder, A. H. Patterson.

ARTICLE III.

COMMUNICATIONS.

The following were received:

A notice from the Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions that Rev. C. L. Wells, D. D., had been appointed the representative of said Board upon the floor of Synod.

A notice from the Secretary of the Board of Domestic Missions that Rev. W. W. Clark had been appointed its delegate to the Synod, with Rev. W. H. Vroom, D. D., as his secundus.

A request from the president of the C. E. Missionary League that the Synod take notice of the Twentieth Century Forward Movement and make such expression of its attitude toward it as it shall deem best.

The matter was referred to the Committee on Overtures who reported recommending that the Synod heartily commend this movement to its churches. The report was adopted.

An invitation from the Suydam street Reformed church through its pastor Rev. Alan D. Campbell to accept its hospitality for the meeting of 1901. The invitation was accepted.

ARTICLE IV.

CORRESPONDENCE WITH OTHER SYNODS.

Copies of the minutes of General Synod and of the Particular Synods of New York, Albany and Chicago for 1899 were received and referred to the Committee on Synodical Minutes, who reported as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SYNODICAL MINUTES.

To the Particular Synod of New Brunswick:—

Your Committee on Synodical Minutes has examined the Minutes of the 93d Session of General Synod and the Minutes of the Particular Synods of Albany, Chicago and New York and reports that nothing has been found therein requiring action by this Synod. Your Committee would, however, call the attention of this Synod to a resolution on page 501 of the Minutes of General Synod which reads as follows:

Resolved, That to increase the interest and effectiveness of the Particular Synods, and to give them more fully the place they were designed to occupy in our denominational system, the "superintendence" (assigned to them in the Constitution) "over the spiritual interests and concerns of the several Classes within their bounds," is of the ut-

most importance, and should be carried out, not as a matter of routine or formal report, but in the spirit of mutual helpfulness and desire for the spiritual growth and prosperity of each and all; and their attention is hereby earnestly called to this matter, and the devising of means to this end. (Page 501.)

Respectfully submitted,

ABRAM DURYEE,

W. R. ACKERT,

ABRAM DOREMUS.

The report was adopted.

ARTICLE V.

CLASSICAL REPORTS.

The Committe on Classical Reports presented the following, which was amended and then adopted:

The Synodical Committee on the State of Religion respectfully submits the following report:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CLASSICAL REPORTS.

1. The nine Classes embraced within the bounds of this synod have all sent in their annual classical reports, and the same have been carefully read and accurately tabulated by your committee.

2. More than the usual number of complaints have been entered concerning the negligence of Pastors and Consistories in not forwarding to the various Classical Committees the necessary documents for the making up of their reports. Doubtless, in some cases, the delay is not to be avoided. But if the yearly review is to be of any value whatever, it is certain that it should be made "reverently, discreetly, advisedly, soberly," and not in the fear of a hurried and peremptory call by the president of Classis.

Your Committee sympathizes with the complainants, and would respectfully urge a pious observance of the ten-day rule.

3. The proverbial inaccuracy of figures finds a fresh illustration in the statistical tables of the several Classes. By a skillful arrangement of totals, and a little juggling with ratios and percentages, these interesting summaries can be made to mean almost anything. Indeed, it is difficult to determine precisely what they do mean. For example, the Classis of Bergen makes an apparent gain of nearly $55,000 in its contributions for congregational purposes. Now, notwithstanding the well known devotion of Bergen, whose praise is in the gospel throughout all the churches, this is too good to be true. As a matter of fact

the increase is the very creditable and credible sum of $15,000, last year's Synodical Report having inadvertently robbed the Classis of a matter of nearly $40,000, merely remarking when the footings showed a decrease in contributions, that there was nothing in these figures to alarm.

Again, in the Classis of Paramus, following the minutes of Particular Synod, we must report an increase in the Sabbath-school enrollment of nearly two thousand five hundred persons, which may or may not be cause for alarm. Your Committee, however, having heard of the estabment of no large orphanages within the bounds of Paramus, and knowing, on scientific grounds, the exceeding unusualness of such an increase in the Sabbath-school population, proceeded to make investigation. The result shows that Paramus acknowledges only 286 children this year, in excess of last year's number, and that last year's Synodical Report bewailed the falling off in Sabbath-school work, when in truth there had been a considerable gain. The loss was occassioned by a mistake of two thousand and two hundred (2,200) in the totals.

It is not to the point to say that these, and perhaps other errors were eventually corrected in the minutes of the General Synod. The point is, that these are the figures on which your Committee's report was based last year, and with which this year's Committee is supposed to make profitable comparison. Nor is it your Committee's opinion that such errors as have been noted are at all exceptional, or altogether avoidable in our present hurried and hap-hazard method of making up reports. Accuracy in figures is rare. Our seminaries do not graduate skilled accountants. If our review of the year's work is to be really valuable, and if our comparison with former years is to be useful, in stimulating to greater endeavor, and in calling forth gratitude to God for his goodness, then the facts must be accurately reported and the Committee on the State of Religion should have access to the reports and Statistical Tables of at least the five years preceding. Else, what shall we make of the recurrence of such phrases as "a prosperous year," "healthy growth," "encouraging outlook," "much blessing," "great promise," "undeserved mercies," when in every instance the report shows waning power as compared with the year preceding? Are the pastors deceived? Or are they so easily satisfied? Or was the last year phenomenal, not to be often repeated? Or are there conditions which statistics do not easily reveal?

The last supposition is the probable one. But it only emphasizes the desirability of a different and more comprehensive method, in order to an honest and vigorous report from the Committee on the State of Religion.

The general conclusions at which your Committee has arrived are :

(a). That the figures representing the number of baptized non-communicants are absolutely worthless. The column has been footed as a matter of form.

(b). That notwithstanding the widespread spiritual drought of which many churches are complaining, the Lord has been exceedingly gracious to the Synod of New Brunswick, rewarding our labors no less richly than in former years.

(c). That the commercial prosperity, which has marked the twelve month past, has been reflected in a gratifying enrichment of the treasury of the Lord, and in a considerable renovation of His house.

(d). That there is yet too great a disproportion between the amounts which we spend upon our sanctuary services, and those which we devote to the extension of the kingdom in other, less favored, regions.

(e). That the tendency to centralization which characterizes the entire life of our day, while ministering to the growth of the larger churches, is making it increasingly difficult for the smaller churches, especially those in the country districts, to thrive.

(f). That the Holy Spirit is working chiefly through the medium of Sabbath-school instruction and the training of the youth. There are no revivals. Our converts come from the ranks of the young, through agencies already established, and always richly blessed.

(g). That this Synod should address itself with an aggressive and determined energy to the work of planting new churches in its growing communities. We should do more than maintain the churches already existing. Other denominations are constantly undertaking enterprises which are destined soon to be important. Let us not sin away the day of opportunity.

(h). That after everything possible has been done, in the way of Classical and Synodical oversight, the prosperity of a church will, humanly speaking, depend upon the fidelity of the minister in the preaching of the gospel and in the discharge of his pastoral labors. It is becoming, therefore, that each of us, having besought the Holy Spirit to use him mightily, should then mightily bestir himself, and as an ordained bishop of God, hustle in his own diocese.

WM. STOCKTON CRANMER,

Chairman,

Since this Synod last convened, four of our brethren in the ministry have rested from the earthly labors. Paramus, reports the death of the Rev. Henry Dater ; Passaic, the death of the Rev. J. C. Cruikshank ; Phila., the death of the Rev. E. G. Ackerman ; and Monmouth,

the death, scarcely more than a month ago, of our last year's retiring president, the Rev. Peter Stryker.

CLASSIS OF BERGEN.

Your Committee on the State of Religion in the Classis of Bergen begs leave to report as follows :

In comparing the work of our churches done during the past year with that of the year previous, as indicated by the tabular statements, we find that the barometer has both raised and fallen. We have added nine less to our membership, on confession of faith, than was reported a year ago. Accession to our ranks by letter is better by thirty-one than last year. A few less than last year have fallen out of our ranks in obedience to the divine summons to come up higher and unite with the Church Triumphant. Work along the line of the Sabbath-school, we are glad to say, has increased numerically ; we have added one school to our list, and our enrollment has increased almost two hundred. Financially, we have made the greatest strides, and especially in congregational work. It seems that many of the churches during the past year have paid their old debts—a thing to be commended to those churches that have not done so ; some have bought pipe organs ; others have renovated parsonages ; and still others have acquired ground in new fields and built chapels ; and the members of one church even went so far as to increase the salary of their pastor—a thing seldom heard of and less seldom practiced. To be more specific, we raised over thirty dollars more for denominational work the past year than the year previous ; for other objects over $260.49 more ; and for congregational purposes over $15,370.15 more.

MARCUS J. ROOP,

J. W. GOWEN.

Committee.

Extracts from Consistorial Reports :

First, Hackensack.—The Lord's work in our church has been carried on with the usual interest. The solemn gatherings of God's house have been as faithfully attended as ever. The different societies among old and young are doing a good work right along. Temporally and financially the congregation is in better shape than at any previous time. A troublesome debt had been provided for, and will be entirely removed by the end of the year.

Schraalenburgh.—The services have been well attended. Every organization of the church is in vigorous condition. The pastor's sal-

ary has been increased ; the parsonage has been repaired ; and at the same time our benevolences have been actually increased all along the line. Pastor and people need a new baptism of the Holy Spirit for the work of the coming year.

New Durham.—The year has been one of steady effort along established lines of work. Accession by confession has largely been of youth nurtured in Christian homes and trained in the church organizations. Our Sunday-schools are Bible Schools, the Bible being the text book. This enables us to place a copy of the Bible in every child's hand and in every home. We have added a well equipped church building in West New York to our forces of work at a cost of $3,000, and a fully equipped centre of work is to be found there.

First, Hoboken.—We are digging into sub-soil for spiritual deepening. We have made a financial stride. There has been a rise of $200 in the regular channels, to which is to be added $1,250 cash for a new pipe organ. We are glad to say we are no longer dependent on the Domestic Board.

North, Bergen.—The condition of the church is steadily improving. The number of men attending the services and taking an interest in the work has increased considerably.

Second, Hackensack.—The year has been signalized by the gift of Judge Peter Bogert who has erected and presented free of all debt a new chapel at Bogota. We raised $3,200 by subscription, and thus freed the church from all indebtedness.

Closter.—An increased activity in all departments of church work ; also an advance in the contributions to the Church Boards.

Guttenberg.—Extensive improvements have been made to the church building ; increase in the Sunday-school has been large. A feature of special interest is that the morning service has increased so much in attendance as to be now the leading service of interest.

Cherry Hill.—In some respects this has been the most prosperous year under the present pastorate. The cottage prayer meetings of the past years are bearing fruit ; New Bridge has now a regular prayer meeting, and it is increasingly well sustained. As a result of these services we have received men into the church who are heads of families and centers of influence.

Spring Valley.—Our Young People's Union continues the good work it has been doing for some years ; our Mission Band has doubled its membership.

Westwood.—All departments of the church work have increased in interest, and all the rolls of membership are larger than during the preceding year.

Hasbrouck Heights.—The Sunday-school has increased in numbers. The new "Sunday-school Hymnal" published by our Board of Publication has been introduced, and proves very acceptable. The Y. P. S. C. E. has been reorganized, and is doing good work.

SOUTH CLASSIS OF BERGEN.

In making our report, your Committee labor under disadvantages. Only six reports, or one half the entire number, were sent the chairman before the meeting of Classis. Two reports, that from Lafayette, owing to the pastor's illness and consequent absence from home, and that from Bergen Point, have not been sent. We have been obliged, therefore to take the reports of these churches as given last year, but in both instances we have the pastor's assurances that the correct reports will be sent to the Stated Clerk in time for insertion before the report is sent to the Stated Clerk of Particular Synod.

Your Committee calls attention to the necessity on the part of the pastors and Consistories of sending reports to the Committee on State of Religion before the day Classis convenes.

It is embarassing to foot up so many columns of figures in presence of Classis and impossible to do our cause justice by comparison with other years or make necessary recommendations.

In comparing figures with last year, in a hasty way owing to lack of time, we find the following suggestive results: We discover in the census number of families that there is a loss of 49. Under the head of members received by confession of faith we report 136 fewer than last year and 19 more by letter. Last year 106 were dismissed to other churches and this year 121. Twenty-nine more have died leaving a total loss of those now in communion of 53. Under the head of Benevolence there is a loss of $1,391.63 for denominational objects and $933.15 for other objects, while for congregational purposes there is a reduction of $3,002.57. In the matter of Sunday-schools there is an increase in the total enrollment of 112, while 16 schools are reported this year instead of 17 as last; St. John's church reported 2 this year and 3 last year.

Your Committee has not had time to compare statistics regarding catechumens, baptisms, &c.

Despite the somewhat depressing figures your Committee finds many causes for thankfulness.

Bergen Church reports "a prosperous year," giving as one of the most hopeful features of this work the Boy's Brigade, many of whom have united with the church.

The First Church of Bayonne, reports the "services well attended" and promise for future work encouraging under the ministry of their new pastor.

The Wayne St. Church reports a "renewal of its youth" and that they have heard the voice of God commanding them to go forward.

The Park Church rejoices in greatly increased gifts for benevolence and looks hopefully to the future.

The Second Church of Hudson City reports a "year of prosperity."

The Free Church reports "healthy growth."

Greenville, no remarks.

The Third Church of Bayonne reports a reduction of mortgage and that offerings have been more generally made to the Boards of our church.

The Third German Evangelical Church, no remarks.

St. John's Church reports that it is expected that they will become an English speaking church and that they will hereafter endeavor to give offerings for all the Boards of our church.

Your Committee, in view of the figures given and facts stated would recommend that pastors and elders carry back to our churches the needs of our cause and urge, if possible, more advanced work in the future.

We feel the need of earnest prayer and dependence on the Great Head of the church, that our work both at home and abroad may be gloriously triumphant. Fraternally Submitted.

JOHN FRANCIS MORGAN,
H. L. FRANZEN,
THOS. M. WARD.

CLASSIS OF MONMOUTH.

Report of Committee on State of Religion:

Reports have come into the hands of the Committee at such a late hour, that no adequate review by way of comparison and inference is possible.

In every significant part of the statistics, with the exception of the financial exhibit, there has been an advance on the report of the preceding year; but a comparison with the average of the previous five years shows a falling off in nearly every item.

More specifically, there has been a slight increase in the number of families reported; but this is accounted for by a reported increase in one church of 24 families—or fifty per cent. over the report from that church last year.

In the number received "on confession," we see a gain over either of the two years immediately preceding; but a marked falling off from the average of the previous five years. One church reports "the additions to the church, not withstanding the earnest efforts of the people and the pastor, have been the smallest in his ministry and occasions great anxiety." This spiritual dearth in our churches is, indeed, a cause for great anxiety. It should lead us to deep humiliation, earnest prayer and diligent search for the cause, or causes. But may we not believe that in the growth of the Kingdom, as in the realm of nature, it is sometimes good for the ground to lie "fallow" for a season? Winter has its value in the economy of the seasons; may not this be true in covenant administration, as well as in the orderly processes of nature?

When we look at the net gain in membership, as seen in the excess of additions over losses, we find inspiration to hope. There is a net gain of 17; as against a net loss of 10 in the previous year, and a net loss of 19 in the year 1898.

We find that Infant Baptism has been administered to a greater extent than in any year of the past decade. This is a matter of no small importance, and of encouraging significance. Faithfulness upon the part of parents in giving their children unto the Lord in covenant, if followed by faithfulness to the covenant vows taken, must eventually result in increased accessions to the roll of those "in communion."

The statistics in the "Baptized Non-communicant" column is practically worthless, for the simple reason that many of the churches make no report.

The "Total Enrollment" in the Sunday-school is the largest in the past five years.

When we turn to the matter of finances, we find cause for humiliation. There has been a falling off, in the contributions to denominational benevolences, of more than twenty per cent. from the average of the preceding five years; and of about sixteen per cent. from the figures of last year. Three churches report an increase, and five report diminution. There is a marked increase in the reported amount contributed to benevolent objects, other than denominational; but this increase is almost entirely in the report of one church. The amount raised for congregational purposes is slightly smaller than that reported for the preceding year.

Your Committee would simply call attention to the foregoing facts, letting them tell their own story and point their own moral.

From the several reports sent up by the churches, we glean as follows:

First, Freehold, sends but the statistical report. They have, during the past year, in conjunction with the sister church of Holmdel, celebrated the 200th anniversary of organization. We congratulate this "Mother Church" on the completing of these cycles—the years of which have been "years of the right hand of the Most High." During the past year, they have been called upon to part with their loved and efficient pastor; but they are rejoicing in the expectation of a worthy successor who is about to begin his work among them.

Holmdel reports: "All services well sustained. Delightful union meetings with the Baptist church under the leadership of an earnest Evangelist. A new pipe organ purchased at an expense of $1,560." While "death and removal are sorely depleting the ranks," yet are they "not cast into despair;" for "many earnest, faithful, generous and true members, who have a mind to work, remain."

Middletown has "had a year of moderate prosperity in things temporal and spiritual. Not one member has been called away by death. The wide-spread depression in farming districts has been felt; but they are hopeful, not discouraged. God's presence has been felt in leading five members of the Sunday-school into the fellowship of the church. A new Mission Band—The Steady Gleaners—has been organized.

Second, Freehold reports "harmony and activity in all its organizations. The prayer-meetings have been better attended. The Junior Endeavor Society is especially flourishing. Additions to the church have been very small, which occasions great anxiety. Five valued members have passed away in death."

Keyport "reports little of a progressive nature. The congregations remain about the same in size, with a slight increase in favor of the evening service."

Long Branch reports "the general character of the year has been one of blessing and of prosperity. With the exception of contributions to the benevolence, there has been advance all along the line. The year has been one of blessed reaping. Sixteen souls have been garnered from the world—fifteen of them under 20 years of age, and members of the Sabbath-school. The net increase in membership is fourteen. Some, who were providentially hindered from joining the church in March, expect to confess Christ at the June communion. The Sabbath-school has increased in enrollment and in average attendance. A Home Department is being organized."

Colts Neck "presents its annual report with expressions of gratitude to the Great Head of the church for His presence and blessings vouchsafed through the year. The services have been well attended, and all church expenses met. All the claims of the Boards, excepting one,

have been presented, with as good results as could be reasonably expected."

Highlands has sent no report. This little church, after years of vicissitudes, having been dependent on the faithful but necessarily imperfect ministration of student supplies, now rejoices in a settled pastor; who, with his efficient wife, labors in the field. The future is brightening with the dawnings of hope.

Asbury Park reports: "We are called to mourn the loss of a faithful pastor—Dr. Stryker being called to his reward early Sabbath morning, March 25th. He has been an earnest worker for this church, and a most faithful and loving pastor. He died in the harness. This Lecture Room in which we now meet, is a monument to his untiring zeal. While we mourn his loss, we are also thankful for the four years of his ministry which have been of untold value to us as a church." The statistical report of this church shows that faithful work has been done during the year.

Such is the gleaning from the reports. The story which appears upon the face of the record, must be supplemented by the story which is read "between the lines." Results, as measured by figures or outlined in words, may seem meagre; but only God knows, and measures, the influences which have been in operation. He knows their wide reaching sweep and their eternal fruitions. The record of the year has been made. We catch, in reports like this, a few of its outlines and impress them upon the printed page. Eternity—and only eternity—will give the sequel to the story.

The translation, by the touch of death, of our beloved brother and copresbyter—the Rev. Peter Stryker, D. D.—has brought a sorrow, not only to the church of Asbury Park, but to the Classis; and, indeed, to the whole Denomination.

Ecclesiastical Changes have taken place during the year as follows:

On Tuesday, Oct. 10th, 1899, the Rev. A. A. Zabriskie was received from the Classis of Passaic; and was installed as pastor of the Highlands Church on Nov. 1st, 1899.

The pastoral connection between the Rev. C. W. van Zee, and the First Freehold Church, was dissolved on Feb. 15th, 1900, and the Rev. C. W. van Zee was dismissed to the Classis of Montgomery.

On Sunday, March 25th, 1900, the Rev. Peter Stryker, D. D., pastor, of the Asbury Park Church, departed this life.

Respectfully Submitted,

BERGEN B. STAATS,

Chairman.

CLASSIS OF NEWARK.

The Committee on the State of Religion respectfully reports that Statistical Reports have been made by the churches of the Classis, with remarks, as follows:

First, Newark.—No remarks.

Irvington.—The year just closing marked the sixtieth anniversary of our church which was duly celebrated. A brave effort has been made to pay off all indebtedness which will no doubt be accomplished before the close of the century. The additions on confession and certificate have both been above the average. Dismissions and deaths have been less than usual, resulting in a gain of nineteen to the membership.

New York Avenue, Newark.—A year of patient earnest work marked by faithful support of the church at home and the Mission Boards, quiet development in spiritual life, marked missionary interest and congregational unity.

Franklin.—This is the banner year in giving to the stated benevolences of the church. All congregational expenses have been paid.

North, Newark.—Makes statistical report for calendar year January 1, 1899 to December 31, 1899. The number of families and total in communion are the same as reported last year. There is an apparent decrease of 361, one-fourth of the total enrollment in the Sunday-schools. Contributions decreased more than one-third as compared with last year's report. A decrease of $3,500.00 in denominational benevolences. Contributions aggregating $500.00 to other benevolences this year. Last year like offerings amounted to $5,200.00. Congregational expenses were $7,500.00 less than for the preceding year.

First German Reformed of West Newark.—God has been with us in the year past and helped us according to his bounteous mercy over many calamities. The condition of congregation, Sunday-school and the various societies is very satisfactory. Attendance at the services is satisfactory. With respect to our financial condition we have had a very hard time. Our church and parsonage were in such a bad condition that we were compelled to have them thoroughly repaired and painted at a cost of $800. Of this sum $500 has been paid. We are behind with our pastor's salary, which is small enough, but we will make the utmost efforts to pay him as soon as possible. We continue trusting in our Lord. Hitherto hath the Lord helped us, and He says I will never leave thee nor forsake thee.

Clinton Avenue, Newark.—No remarks.

Trinity, Newark.—The church has moved harmoniously and quietly. Services all well attended. Societies all organized and working

to advantage. We have succeeded in securing some $6,000 in pledges for a Sunday-school room and expect to dedicate the same in the month of November.

Linden.—The members of the church are very regular in their attendance upon the public services. The weekly prayer meeting is well sustained and the attendance has materially increased during the past year. The Sabbath-school is in excellent condition and forms one of the strong hopes of the church. The Young People's Society has proved itself to be very useful in developing the social life of the church.

Christ, Newark.—Without a pastor since Sept. 1st, 1899. Statistical report. No remarks.

Stone House Plains.—The church began the year with arrearages; these and all other financial obligations have been willingly and faithfully discharged. Sabbath services have been well attended; also the mid-week service since the beginning of the year. There are, however, difficulties and hindrances in some important directions, but the outlook is hopeful.

First, Orange.—Renders especial thanks to Almighty God for harmony, peace and prosperity. An excellent spirit has reigned in all departments, and the services following the week of prayer were attended with interest and the salvation of souls. The church this year celebrates the 25th anniversary of her existence, 1,114 having been written on her roll. The number of members reported is supplemented by a separate list of 95, who have been absent for three years or more without reporting themselves to the church.

Trinity, Plainfield.—While a revision of the records makes the number of families and communicants the same as last year, there has been an increase. There has been an advance all along the line. The attendance at the various meetings has grown. The Sunday-school reports nearly 400 present at the sessions. The Endeavor and other societies have worked faithfully along their own special lines. An event of importance is the adoption by the consistory of the Marconnier Chapel, at Oak Tree. The Chapel has a Sunday-school of ninety-six scholars, a vigorous Endeavor Society and a band of workers noted for their devotion and zeal. It is gratifying to notice an increase in amount of contribution for denominational objects. The Sunday-school alone making an advance of $104 upon that of last year.

German, Plainfield.—God's people are growing both in knowledge and grace. Financial distress has greatly affected the people who suffer from the intermission of work in the industries of the place. By perseverance and self-denial the little band has not failed to keep

up its contribution for the support of the Gospel in the place where it is so much needed.

Montclair Heights.—Expects much better results when freed from building interests. The church finances have gained, together with a small gain in the benevolent offerings of the year. The Sabbath-school is self-supporting and has contributed $70 to the building fund. We are praying God to raise us up financial friends to help us complete our church so that we may have freedom of work. When once our building is complete it is felt by all that we are then on the way to a self-supporting church.

Belleville.—No remarks.

CLASSIS OF NEW BRUNSWICK.

Your Committee on the State of Religion must repeat the annual regret that the pastors are derelict in the matter of forwarding their reports on time.

Even when the report is compiled by quotations from the reports of the several churches, time and thought are necessary to select discreetly in order to assert what is truthful and helpful. Every centre of light is environed by shadows and even darkness, and it is well to give especial attention to the brightening gleams that may follow our endeavors in every field where the light of truth is displayed. The optimistic spirit is to be encouraged rather than the opposite: Still, church prosperity must as a rule be indicated in the statistics of the past, rather than in possibilities for the future.

First, New Brunswick.—This venerable mother in our Israel heads the roll in name and also in prosperity. They give thanks to God for a large measure of temporal blessing and spiritual health. Record a spirit of unanimity and a conscientious observance of the means of grace. Without employing evangelist or using any special effort, each communion has been blessed with the presence of new converts. A large percentage of these came from the Sunday-school. There have been twenty-one added on confession. Of the thirteen who have died, most of them had been identified with this church from birth. Seven of them were women, whose average age was nearly eighty. During the year they have celebrated the one hundredth anniversary of their Sabbath-school. There are many things in this long and interesting report that are full of suggestions, and should receive our congratulations as indications of a church life well preserved and a spiritual vigor unabated.

Franklin Park.—Reports a year of well attended service. Continued

interest in Sabbath-school and missionary endeavors. Unusual losses by death and removals, and increase of missionary contributions.

Hillsborough.—Reports a year of steady growth and prosperity. All departments of church work carried on with accustomed zeal and enthusiasm. A large decrease in membership through deaths and dismissals, and Sunday and mid-week services well attended.

Middlebush.—Reports increase of interest in every department of church work. Also, that attendance upon the means of grace and harmony in counsel make them grateful and hopeful for the future.

Griggstown.—Reports a continuance of church life without striking incident. Harmony and fidelity have characterized the congregation. The missionary spirit has increased the benevolent contributions, and the religious life of the membership affords ground for thankfulness.

Second, New Brunswick.—Tells, so says the report, the most important part of its story by the statistics. The contributions are larger than last year. Their pastor was absent during half the year. The general attendance of the congregation faithful on all the services. God's people edified and souls saved.

Bound Brook.—Reports an advance all along the line. A steady increase of attendance upon public worship. A large increase in Sabbath-school through Home Department. The parsonage, built by the Ladies Aid Society, two years ago, paid for to the last dollar, and the mortgage burned. The pastor's salary increased two hundred dollars, and renewed interest in the spiritual affairs of the church.

Third, New Brunswick.—Reports their pastor in the fifty-third year of his ministry—twelve in Germany and the rest in this country. The little remnant of the people, loving the language of the fatherland, will not allow him to retire, and so he continues holding divine service every Sunday morning and doing such pastoral work as is possible.

East Millstone.—Reports the public services maintained with encouraging attendance. Regular and interesting meetings by the Missionary and Christian Endeavor societies. Extensive repairs upon the parsonage by the Ladies Aid Society. A well conducted Sabbath-school. Some new families in attendance upon church services, and gives reasons for expecting increased effort and enthusiasm in all the religious activities of the congregation. It also reports losses by death of three very prominent members.

Suydam St., New Brunswick.—Reports a year of growth and prosperity. Accessions at every communion. Attendance upon the regular services above the average. Benevolent societies in flourishing

condition. Large and prosperons Sabbath-school and extensive improvements in the house of worship, including Sabbath-school room. Also new carpets, decorated walls and a new pipe organ. Mention is made of radical change of methods of Sunday-school work, whereby it is hoped to graduate the children as members of the church.

Metuchen.—Reports the loss of a much beloved pastor and the calling of a successor during the year. Makes mention of accessions at every communion and gives thanks for the blessings of the past year. They seem full of hope for spiritual results in the future.

Highland Park.—Reports a year of steady progress. Increase over last year in accessions—six on confession, coming from the Sabbath-school. Increased attendance upon the morning service and a large number of Sabbath-school scholars in the audience. Increase in regular and special offerings, notwithstanding unusual expenses, and rejoice in being able to close the fiscal year with all bills paid and a balance in the treasury, a fact they have not been privileged to report since the organization of the church, and which shows that God blesses business-like methods in his work.

Spotswood.—Reports losses in members and financial strength by removals from their bounds, but are thankful to be able to record a fairly healthy interest in the public ordinances, prayer meeting and endeavor societies.

A comparison with the statistics in the minutes of General Synod for 1899, shows twelve additional families; nineteen less added on confession, and nine more in the total number of communicants. The contributions for denominational objects have increased eighteen per cent.; for other objects thirteen per cent. and for congregational purposes seventeen per cent. These figures represent the churches in combination. There is a much better showing financially than spiritually; and in this there is hope, for God often gives spiritual blessings when the people bring their abundant gifts to his treasury.

Respectfully submitted,

A. PAIGE PEEKE.

CLASSIS OF PARAMUS.

Your Committee on the State of Religion would report as follows:

That notwithstanding ample notice in the *Christian Intelligencer* and we presume by our Stated Clerk, yet several reports were not placed in our hands until the opening of Classis.

Under these circumstances it is always difficult to make accurate comparisons or deduce conclusions.

The gleanings from the reports enable us to gather from outward signs, which figures supply, that while our successes have not been comensurate with our working forces, yet that more souls have been gathered and monies raised for denominational purposes than in previous years.

The number of infants baptised is 156 in excess of 1899. In one church alone, First Holland, Passaic, 44 children received the rite. If the future of the church is in her consecrated children, our Holland brethren are certainly furnishing a most encouraging basis of hope.

The financial reports represent the fact that the people of God are consecrating more of their money to the service of Christ and His church, nearly $1,000 more than last year for denominational purposes.

This brief General Statement suggests:

1. That success can not be estimated by mathematics, Consistorial reports do not accurately measure the strength and faith of any church.

2. It becomes us to seek in prayer Him who has the residue of the Spirit, and by holy living, secure the constant presence of this divine power in the midst of our churches.

Acquackanonck.—Rejoices in the possession of fine parsonage property, now occupied by the pastor andfamily. Grateful to God for continued mercy.

Centerville.—Want of growth of village causes discouragement. Work in Sunday-school and Christian Endeavor Society has been beautifully sustained. Our work one of patience and faith.

Clarkstown.—Several reasons have caused some discouragement, removals by death and otherwise. Fairly successful. People harmonious.

Clifton.—No appreciable advance has been made. Sabbath-school increased. Excellent condition of Christian Endeavor Society.

Garfield.—Situation very encouraging. Very grateful for prospect. Noticeable increase in financial power.

Glen Rock.—The youngest church of Classis. In excellent condition. An inviting field for energetic minister.

Hawthorne.—No remarks.

Lodi, 1st Holland.—No remarks.

Nyack.—Confidence in God's promises; and great results expected.

Paramus.—The torch of truth has been held up without interruption. Holding to the promises.

Pascack.—Great losses to the church by death. Much however to be thankful for.

Passaic, 1st Holland.—The most prosperous year of existence. Grateful to God.

Passaic, North Reformed.—No special events worthy of record. Missionary offerings well sustained. Soon free from financial encumbrances.

Paterson, Broadway.—Success and joy all along the line. United. God favorable.

Paterson, 1st Holland Reformed.—The church greatly blessed in all respects.

First Reformed, North Paterson.—No remarks.

Paterson, Second.—A year of ordinary prosperity.

Piermont.—A year of patient work. Foundation laying.

Ramapo.—No remarks.

Saddle River.—No remarks.

Spring Valley.—Somewhat depressed from want of conversions.

Tappan.—Work bearing upon permanent material condition of the church.

Warwick.—The year a good one with us. Large addition to church membership.

West New Hempstead.—Good work of young people noted. Unity and zeal prevailing.

Wortendyke, Holland.—Fairly successful. Pastor Lubach to retire.

J. A. VAN NESTE,

Chairman,

The Ecclesiastical Changes during the year have been :

May 29th, 1899, the licentiate, Henry Wells Brink, was received from the Classis of Ulster and June 20th ordained to the Gospel Ministry and installed pastor of the West New Hempstead Church. October 17, 1899, the Rev. Henry C. VanHaagen was received from the Classis of Albany. November 9th, he was installed pastor of the church at Clifton, N. J., and April 17th, 1900, the pastoral relation between the said Rev. H. C. VanHaagen and the First Reformed Church of Clifton was dissolved. October 19, 1899, the Rev. Henry Dater departed this life and entered into rest. April 17, 1900, the pastoral relation between the Rev. W. Lubach and the First Holland Reformed Church of Wortendyke, N. J., was dissolved and the Rev. W. Lubach declared *Emeritus.*

THEO. W. WELLES,

Stated Clerk.

CLASSIS OF PASSAIC.

Your Committee on the State of Religion presents the following report:

The Lord of the vineyard has been good to us. Though we may feel the insufficiency of our efforts and dread to give account for the lack of diligence of which we are all more or less conscious, yet we rejoice that a Higher Power protects and cares for our flocks, while we are but the under-shepherds—not hirelings, we trust. In some of our churches there is a noticeable falling off in the enumeration of families and communicants. This loss is more apparent than real and results mainly from a revision of our rolls. Let us humbly thank God for His assistance and gratefully remember before Him our new church, the Reformed church of Wanaque. They have done a good work in this their first year of organization, and give promise of becoming an honor to the work of God and an example to us, that we in our old-established fields have much to do to push the work of salvation to that extent when we may rejoice in the ingathering of all souls within sound of our church bells and the planting, perhaps, of new churches in our outlying communities.

Boonton reports: "The usual services have been maintained during the year. The several organizations have kept in good working order. The Ladies' Aid and Missionary Societies have been greatly helpful, and the Christian Endeavor Senior and Junior Societies have kept up their interest in business."

Fairfield thanks the Lord of the vineyard for His kind protection during the past year. The Sunday services have been well attended, and especially so by the young people of the community. At present we have alienated a few of our adherents, though none of our members, by our opposition to and remonstrance against the granting of a license for the maintenance of an inn and tavern in our township. We are laboring unceasingly to bring our whole community to the knowledge of Our Heavenly Father and to a confession of our Saviour and Lord.

First, Little Falls, mourns the loss of Elder Charles Crane, whose faithfulness and devotion to the church has for so many years been a tower of strength to the membership. They are earnestly working, praying and looking for a large ingathering of souls. Their contributions to denominational objects have more than doubled that of last year. They are strongly encouraged by the enthusiasm of the new additions supplementing the old and faithful army of Christ.

Second, Little Falls, tell of sorrow and joy; sorrow, when they lost their leading Elder in April of last year; joy, that a number of eight

made their confession and joined the church. They express their gratitude for the faithful assistance and administrations of the Pastors of the Classis and are unceasing in their prayers for an under-shepherd to keep their flock from being scattered. Truly their faithfulness deserves a rich reward.

Montville reports the various organizations of the church as doing their allotted work. The Home Department of the Sunday-school is doing an especially good service. The meetings of the Junior Endeavor Society have been interesting and profitable; in some respects more so than those of the Senior Society. They are sowing in faith, hoping at no distant date to reap in joy. May the glad day be hastened.

People's Park, Paterson, expresses unbounded thankfulness in that they have been able to meet every financial obligation, as well as to reduce their indebtedness of past years by one hundred dollars. Though they feel as if they were ploughing upon the rocks, yet they are unceasing in their prayers for a large outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

Pompton gratefully acknowledges the blessing of the Lord during the year just closed. The work for benevolence has been a little better than last year; for congregational purposes better than any year for a long time. The large loss of members, as reported in the statistics, is due to the organization of the Wanaque part of the congregation into a church and the revision of the roll. The opportunities for a large work are many and they earnestly desire the leading and blessing of the Lord that they may be able to grasp them.

Pompton Plains reports: "The work has advanced steadily. There seems to have been a deepening of the spiritual life; a marked degree of harmony has prevailed and we have been able to meet all of our financial obligations. A much needed chapel for the largest of our four Sunday-schools is nearly completed, and additional improvements in the church property are being planned. While we are thankful for the past we are encouraged to look forward with hope, assurred of God's choicest blessings for the people who have a mind to work."

Ponds reports: "Services have been well attended and interest in the Sunday-school is maintained. Additions have been made to the Christian Endeavor Society and at the monthly sociables self-denial is the rule. A spirit of concord prevails, though depleted farms, removals and death have combined to reduce the membership of this mother church. Our bread is cast upon the waters and is bearing fruit in other churches, we hope.

Preakness, reports the maintenance of the regular services and the

good work of the Sunday-school. The Christian Endeavor Society is working with renewed zeal and effort. The Ladies Missionary Society has raised a little more for Missionary objects than last year. They are hopeful and grateful because of the promising outlook as warranted by the enthusiasm of the young people in particular.

Riverside, Paterson, reports much interest and enthusiasm in spite of the fact that they are without a church building. An overheated furnace set fire to their building, leaving them only a wreck, with but little in hand to begin their work anew. The people are united and under their discouraging circumstances are doing nobly, grandly. By personal subscriptions and the aid of the Board of Domestic Missions, they hope in the near future to have a commodious house of worship. They rejoice in the evidences of God's saving power, and believe that He is leading them by the way of discouragements and sacrifices up to better things. With the courage, that God provides them, they go forward with unwavering faith, to meet the future.

Sixth Holland, Paterson, sends an encouraging Statistical Report.

First Totowa, Paterson, reports: "The year has been one of quiet prosperity, a prevailing spirit of harmony and self-sacrifice among our people evidencing the life now lived in the flesh to be a life of faith in the Son of God who lives for us and gave Himself for us."

Union Reformed, Paterson, reports: "The Lord has been merciful to us in granting us the usual means of grace and though no marked fruits of the preaching are visible, yet we believe it will be a savor of life unto life to more persons than we are won't to think it to be."

Wanaque, says: "The work of this new church since its organization has been satisfactory. Preaching services have been maintained, both morning and evening, every Sunday. A King's Daughters Circle, two Christian Endeavor Societies, besides the Sunday-school are working for the Lord. The question of money seems to be the most perplexing one for the people, but has been solved so far by the help of the Board of Domestic Missions. During the year there has been a growing spirit of unity and interest. With a larger devotion on the part of the people and the blessing of the Lord upon the work, the church will be a great blessing to this rapidly growing community."

Wyckoff reports: Undiminished attendance and attention upon the regular ministrations of the church. Their loss by death has been great, but it has, by the Grace of God, been equalized by accessions to the fold, so that while some in the rank and file have laid down their armor, others have been ready to step into the vacated places and carry on the righteous warfare. They have been entirely saved from discords and disturbances. They fear that their feeling of satisfaction

with present attainments may prevent them to reach out and forward to richer blessings.

In conclusion we give most hearty thanks to God for his evident blessing upon the work to which He has called us, and trust that our hopes and prayers for the future may be fulfilled ere another year rolls around. May this year of our Lord, 1900, find us working diligently for the Master, that the time may soon come when we with the church Universal, the Holy Catholic Church, may report every member of our several communities as saved by a living faith in Christ Jesus, our Lord.

OTTO L. F. MOHN,
Chairman.

Ecclesiastical Changes: A Reformed church was organized at Wanaque, N. J., May 9, 1899. Rev. A. A. Zabriskie was dismissed to the Classis of Monmouth, Oct. 3, 1899. Rev. J. C. Cruikshank, Sc.D., finished his work on earth, Nov. 12, 1899.

CLASSIS OF PHILADELPHIA.

Your Committee on the state of Religion in this Classis, would respectfully report as follows:

Looking over the several reports from the various churches they would at first appear, upon comparison with previous reports, to give, in some respects, discouraging statistics, but closer inspection reveals the fact that the apparent decrease in the number of families, and in the number of communicants is, in very large measure, due to a revision of the church rolls. The total number of families in the various churches of the Classis, as given this year, is fifteen less than that reported last year. While there is, seemingly, a decrease of sixty-four in the number of communicants, on the other hand, four more upon confession of faith have been added to the church this year within our classical bounds, and twenty-eight more have been received by letter from other churches, and then we have raised for congregational purposes $4,042.85 more than was raised last year, and $97.88 more for denominational objects. The regular reports have been received from all the churches but one.

The following gives expression to the views of the various laborers, of the work done in their respective fields:

North and South Hampton.—Rejoices in peace and unity, and believes that there has been growth from within, and that their labors have not been in vain in the Lord, though they regret that the time has not seemed ripe for an ingathering of souls.

Harlingen.—Deplores losses by removals and deaths, but is grateful that the work of God is advancing encouragingly. While the amount raised for congregational purposes during the year has been less than what has been formerly raised, yet the offerings for denominational and other objects are in excess of those of previous years, which is a matter for thankfulness.

Neshanic.—Reports good church attendance, and gratifying interest in home and school-house prayer meetings. It reports activity in the C. E. Society, and in the Ladies Auxiliary Society. It is confessed that the finances of the church are backward, but there is good hope of meeting all obligations promptly.

First, Philadelphia.—Reports that it has been a year of sowing rather than of reaping, of waiting rather than advancing. Calling for prayer and faith, but clings to the gracious promise that the harvest shall not fail.

Second Church of Philadelphia.—Mentions a year marked by harmony and cordial co-operation on the part of all identified with the church, and rejoices in spite of unfavorable conditions. There have been substantial gains in almost every department of work.

Fourth, Philadelphia.—States that the church was never in a more flourishing condition, financially, spiritually and socially. A united people, they are working for the salvation of souls. Deeming the present location of the church an unfavorable one, a lot has been purchased in a more suitable place where a new house of worship will be erected.

Blawenburgh.—Reports that as is the case with most country churches, they have suffered from loss by death and removals, but believing that God has a work for them still to do, they are doing what they can through the various services of the church, and through the work of the several organizations in connection with the church, believing that God will bless all effort put forth in His name.

Stanton.—Tells us of greater activity than usual, along all the line of church work. From three to six prayer meetings a week were held in different parts of the congregation during the winter, and special services were conducted during the spring and fall, which have resulted in a quickening of the spiritual life of the church. The Sabbath-school has been graded, a teacher's meeting has been maintained, and the C. E. Society is reported as being a great aid in the church work.

Clover Hill.—Sends no report.

Rocky Hill.—Has forwarded only the statistical report.

Fifth, Philadelphia.—Gratefully praises the Lord for his guidance

and care during another year. The preaching of the word and other means of grace have been faithfully attended to. Gifts of benevolence have slightly increased during the year. Peace and good will prevail in the congregation.

Addisville.—Reports, in spite of lack of apparent progress, firm determination to "hold the fort," believing that the seed that has been faithfully sown cannot return void of full fruitage in due time.

Three Bridges.—Makes special mention of the work done in the Sabbath-school, which has sustained the largest average attendance thus far recorded, and which has been thoroughly graded preparatory to the work of the coming year. A considerable floating debt has been paid and all current expenses have been met. $525 are in the treasuries of the Ladies Aid Society and the C. E. Society for repairs on the church that are much needed. A bright outlook cheers the hearts of the people.

Talmage Memorial.—Is profoundly grateful to the "God of all grace" for blessings received. There has been an advance all along the line. Both church and Sunday-school have increased in numbers, and it is believed in consecration and efficiency. The finances of the church are in such satisfactory condition that it is hoped that hereafter work may be prosecuted without further aid from the Board of Domestic Missions.

The South Philadelphia Church.—Tells of discouraging conditions attendant upon its early life. The eligibility of their location, however, and their freedom from competition are warrants for maintaining the position. It seems reasonable to believe that with due assistance and support the work may be carried on successfully.

Ecclesiastical Changes.—On June 15, 1899, the Rev. W. H. Williamson, who had been placed in charge of the Second Reformed Church, of Philadelphia, having received a unanimous call from the church, was installed as its pastor. On July 6, 1899, the Rev. Isaac L. Kip was installed as pastor of the South Philadelphia Reformed Church. On July 25, 1899, the pastoral relation between the Rev. Orville J. Hogan and the Reformed Church of Rocky Hill, N. J., was dissolved and he dismissed to the Classis of Montgomery, within whose bounds he had received and accepted a call. On October 10th, 1899, the pastoral relation between the Rev. E. G. Ackerman and the church of Clover Hill, N. J., was dissolved. On Friday, December 1, 1899, the Rev. E. G. Ackerman, after a brief illness, the result of an accident, was called to his heavenly home and entered into the joy of his Lord. On April 10, 1900, the Rev. R. H. Jolders-

ma, Superintendent of Colonies, at Pocomoke City, Md., became a member of Classis by certificate from the Classis of Wisconsin.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN S. VAN ORDEN,

Chairman of Committee on State of Religion.

CLASSIS OF RARITAN.

The Committee on the State of Religion in the Classis of Raritan respectfully submits the following report:

The First Church, Raritan, has again been made glad by large accessions on confession of faith. A payment of two thousand dollars has been made on the debt, and the standard of benevolence has been maintained.

The Church of Readington, rejoices in having liquidated a large debt, and increased contributions to benevolent causes. A goodly number of accessions to the church has encouraged all.

The Church of Bedminster, reports that all the activities of the organization are well sustained. The various societies of the church are in a prosperous condition. Charitable contributions have been largely increased this year.

The Church of Lebanon, reports a year of quiet prosperity. The Lord has added eight to His church on confession of their faith.

Rockaway, sends a Consistorial Report but no remarks.

North Branch, reports a small year of ingathering by accession to their membership roll. The church however rejoices in a deeper spiritual life. Systematic giving has secured gratifying results.

Second Raritan, reports a thorough revision of their church register, and announces the publication of a manual of the church, giving interesting facts connected with the history of the organization since its formation. Envelope system for benevolent contributions has resulted in a gratifying increase of about fifty per cent. The church has raised by subscription the remainder of the debt on the new edifice.

Peapack, reports a prosperous year in the way of additions to the church on confession of faith. A deeper spiritual experience is felt by the Christian workers of our church.

South Branch, has but little to notice of special interest. The Word has been statedly and faithfully preached, and the organization is in a healthy condition spiritually. The church expects to observe its Fiftieth Anniversary shortly, and is going to make the event memorable by renovating the interior of its auditorium.

Third, Raritan, regrets that it has but little to report in the way of marked growth. As to its financial circumstances the year has been a good one. This Spring it is hoped will witness the erection of a new chapel in the rear of the church.

Pottersville, favors us with its annual report, but no remarks.

High Bridge, reports a year of progress in all departments of church work. Having expended upwards of seven hundred dollars in improvemeuts to church, and church property. Our contributions to Missions have been small. An active spiritual life is manifested in the church.

Church of Annandale, reports a year of prosperity, especially along spiritual lines. Having experienced a work of grace which quickened lukewarm Christians, and awakened sinners, our entire religious life has derived benefit. Services on Sunday largely attended, and a greater interest in the weekly prayer meeting.

Fourth Church, Raritan, has much to report. Having rebuilt and refurnished its edifice, it is better prepared for the work. Additional interest in the life of the church now is manifest, by reason of the improvements made, and our outlook upon the future is very bright.

HENRY BACON ALLEN,

Chairman.

STATISTICAL TABLES.

CLASSIS OF BERGEN.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS. Rec'd, On Confession.	On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	BAP. Infants.	Adults.	No. of Baptized Non-Communicants.	C. C. & S. S. Catechumens.	Number of Sabbath-Schools.	Total Enrollment.	CONTRIBUTIONS. Benevolent. Denominational Objects.	Other Objects.	Congregational.	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
First, Hackensack	Herman Vanderwart	211	8	6	4	...	4	515	5	2	.....	150	1	350	$1,813 00	$ 465 00	$5,600 00	Hackensack, N. J.
Schraalenburgh	Geo. H. Cotton	110	2	10	5	...	3	177	7	...	.....	.....	1	171	258 58	253 41	2,551 81	DuMont, "
English Neighborhood	Marcus J. Roop	60	.....	1	.....	...	1	68	2	...	20	25	1	80	57 87	4 50	1,795 01	Ridgefield, "
New Durham	Isaac W. Gowen / W.R.AckertAss't	301	50	23	5	...	8	*600	65	10	500	.....	6	2,450	1,150 00	330 00	6,428 00	Weehawken, "
First, Hoboken	Conrad Bluhm	115	9	9	8	...	...	147	12	5	.....	20	1	210	36 13	25 21	†*2,833 75	Hoboken, "
North Bergen	John Justin	73	.....	6	.....	...	5	92	20	...	.....	22	1	480	244 00	60 00	2,098 64	Weehawken, "
Second, Hackensack	Arthur Johnson	212	13	6	6	...	5	*421	8	2	.....	.....	3	550	1,016 28	1,205 43	16,292 28	Hackensack, "
German Ev., Hoboken	John Rudolph	245	35	.....	60	...	27	486	230	6	.....	260	2	700	146 77	705 00	6,100 00	606 Garden St., Hoboken.
Third, Hackensack	John Bombin	73	2	.....	1	...	2	90	44	...	.....	11	2	160	2 00	5 00	700 00	Hackensack, N. J.
Closter	Henry Ward, (s. c)	70	2	.....	.....	...	1	129	3	...	52	95	1	148	146 00	23 00	1,982 00	Closter, "
Palisades	Artemas Dean	58	1	.....	.....	...	...	59	9	...	88	.....	1	105	62 37	16 50	1,015 00	Fort Lee, "
Guttenberg	Wm. Manchee, (s. s)	35	2	2	3	...	...	55	19	...	.....	25	1	340	49 73	43 26	1.254 09	Passaic, "
Central av., JerseyCity	Chas. S. Wright	130	4	8	13	...	4	236	11	1	.....	267	1	508	129 70	.....	2,800 00	89 Bowers st., Jers'y City.
Cherry Hill	Abram Duryee	65	5	2	.....	...	2	100	4	4	.....	.....	1	138	144 71	38 03	1,493 66	Cherry Hill, "
Secaucus	Vacant	12	2	.....	.....	...	...	22	0	2	.....	12	1	60	.....	.....	100 00	Secaucus, "
Spring Valley	Vacant	26	.....	.....	1	...	...	20	1	...	.....	.....	1	65	35 85	4 15	333 80	Maywood, "
Westwood	D. M. Talmage	80	2	7	1	...	1	127	1	1	56	.....	1	295	266 21	58 91	2,204 83	Westwood, "
Oradell	John T. E. DeWitt	65	1	1	2	1	1	81	6	...	39	100	1	161	204 49	18 51	1,835 71	Oradell, "
Hasbrouck Heights	Chas. I. Shepard	70	4	7	.....	...	...	91	6	3	43	75	1	130	17 00	5 00	1,536 49	Hasbrouck Heights, "
	Total	2,011	142	88	109	1	64	3,516	453	36	798	1,062	28	7,101	$5,780 69	$3,270 91	$58,947 07	

Other Ministers.—J. H. Ballagh, Yokahama, Japan.

Candidates.—Karl Krause, Robert W. Blake.

* Revised Roll.

† Including $1,250 for new pipe organ.

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			On Confession.	Rec'd. On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.		Catechumens.	Number of Sabbath Schools.	Total Enrol'ment.	Benevolent. Denominational Objects.	Benevolent. Other Objects.	Congregational.	
Bergen	Cornelius Brett	360	34	22	11	...	9	696	22	5	200	400	3	872	$1,042 00	$ 822 00	$8,737 00	509 Bergen ave., Jers'y City
First, Bayonne	William H. Boocock	354	5	14	51	1	6	624	29	1	.....	.....	2	886	502 28	571 48	5.916 85	763 Ave. C, Bayonne, N. J.
Wayne Street	John Alex. Brown. *Paul D. VanCleef.	51	23	13	9	...	8	194	.....	3	....	13	1	294	761 51	149 86	4.397 94	298 Varick st., Jers'y City; 288 Barrow st., Jers'y City
Park, Jersey City	J. Francis Morgan	200	9	4	23	...	3	352	14	3	100	75	1	375	437 05	116 53	3.789 87	281 Pavonia ave., J. City.
Bergen Point	Asbury E. Krom	75	10	.....	.....	...	1	†105	4	1	75	75	1	140	122 00	.....	3.066 53	LaTouretteHouse,Bayon'e
Second, Hudson City	Emil A. Meury	237	26	1	1	...	31	533	157	23	563	304	1	638	102 00	460 37	3.144 77	14 Sherman Pl, J. City.
Lafayette	Tinis J. Kommers	143	7	3	3	...	2	†170	.....	...	50	203	1	358	409 85	83 85	4.297 50	239 Pacific ave., Jers'y City
Greenville	Charles J. Allen	152	3	4	3	...	2	243	6	...	....	.....	1	400	60 37	10 00	3,428 28	39 Columbia Place, J. City.
Free, Jersey City	Henry C. Cussler	100	5	1	....	...	1	†120	8	...	62	85	1	194	68 25	39 57	1,536 93	105 Grand st., Jersey City.
Third, Bayonne	Herbert L. Franzen	65	10	.....	2	...	...	117	25	2	22	6	1	125	25 00	10 00	840 00	36 W. 21st st., Bayonne.
First, Ger. Ev'gelical	John Heiniger	112	43	.....	12	...	4	254	43	...	112	125	1	225	.....	.....	1,947 96	338 Montgomery st., J. City
St. John's Ger. Evg.	Gottlieb Andraea	94	24	.....	6	..	14	225	79	1	95	110	2	360	8 00	240 00	1,900 00	48 Fairview ave., J. City.
	Total	1,943	199	62	121	1	81	3,633	387	45	1,279	1.396	16	4.967	$3,538 31	$2,503 66	$43,003 63	

* Pastor Emeritus. † Revised List.

Other Ministers.—Jas. L. Amerman, Ass't Sec'y Board of Foreign Missions, 25 E. 22d street, New York City.

Candidates.—Chas. H. Jones, Minister without charge, 525 Orange street, Newark, N. J.

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First, Freehold	A. I. Martine, P. E.	84	1	....	1	...	4	174	1	1	.....	161	2	161	$ 42 54	$256 78	$1,090 49	Marlboro, N. J.
Holmdel	Garrett Wyckoff	65	7	....	4	...	4	*130	6	6	.....	100	1	100	343 00	34 00	†3,200 00	Holmdel,
Middletown	Peter K. Hageman	50	5	2	3	...	...	119	3	3	60	50	1	95	145 97	9 05	1,811 66	Middletown,
Second, Freehold	Isaac P. Brokaw	140	2	5	...	...	5	*340	14	1	90	100	2	400	768 10	176 50	2,759 00	Freehold,
Keyport	E. W. Greene	72	1	3	...	...	3	107	.....	...	....	....	1	105	25 00	.....	1,200 00	Keyport,
Long Branch	Bergen B. Staats	82	16	.....	1	...	1	*143	9	6	64	.....	1	182	79 75	31 10	1,683 67	Long Branch City,
Colts Neck	S. R. Cunningham	58	1	.....	3	...	3	99	2	...	51	64	1	75	83 67	16 03	1,034 13	Colts Neck,
Highlands	A. A. Zabriskie	25	.....	....	...	...	...	25	9	...	....	...	1	90	20 00	30 00	....	Highlands,
Asbury Park	Vacant	82	6	4	2	...	2	*122	2	...	62	55	1	95	172 05	27 56	1,935 94	Asbury Park,
	Total	658	39	14	14	...	22	1,259	46	17	327	530	11	1,303	$1,680 28	$581 02	$14,714 89	

* Revised. † $1,560 for Pipe Organ.

Other Ministers.—Elias Mead, Passaic, N. J. ; W. H. VanDoren, Griggstown, N. J. ; James T. Schock, s. c., Keyport, N. J.

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Belleville	Wm. W. Conner	163	10	5	4	...	2	274	6	3	.....	31	1	251	$ 268 10	$ 64 35	$3,087 05	Belleville, N. J.
First, Newark	T. J. Lee	140	.....	26	6	...	5	262	6	4	.....	.....	2	440	375 23	521 40	.....	692 High st., Newark, "
Irvington	C. E. Wyckoff, S. C.	102	12	14	4	...	3	173	8	1	.....	.....	1	251	124 53	67 62	2,997 73	Irvington, "
New York av., Newark	John S. Allen	130	13	3	3	...	1	277	5	4	.....	.....	1	390	482 69	354 40	2,371 68	100 New York av., Newark.
Franklin	William Stuart	85	1	3	.....	...	2	115	2	...	.....	108	1	108	188 86	5 00	1,453 75	Nutley, N. J.
North, Newark	Vacant	440	8	1	8	...	...	867	.....	...	.....	1,100	3	1,512	8,650 66	501 27	14,082 84	.....
West, Newark	Carl Girtanner	.....	25	.....	12	...	5	216	120	4	.....	40	1	240	24 00	15 00	1,120 00	Blum st., Newark, N. J.
Clinton ave., Newark	Daniel H. Martin	495	71	47	25	...	10	868	13	23	.....	.....	2	805	2,549 99	2,000 00	10,100 00	9 Stratford Place, Newark.
Trinity, Newark	J. N. Morris	150	15	3	2	...	2	180	15	...	98	.....	1	500	197 71	51 87	1,779 66	483 Ferry st., Newark.
Linden	N. M. Sherwood, S S	20	.....	1	5	...	...	34	1	...	.....	.....	.....	72	18 82	.....	934 07	329 Communipaw av., J. City
Christ, Newark	H. M. Mellen, P. E.	.....	1	3	13	...	...	214	.....	...	.....	.....	15	263	8 56	.....	2,552 17	.....
Stone House Plains	W. E. Bogardus	45	7	1	.....	...	1	105	3	3	.....	.....	1	99	194 60	38 75	1,279 64	Brookdale, N. J.
Orange	George S. Bishop	250	9	9	8	...	5	*503	11	1	....	173	1	294	1,428 65	345 67	†3,244 81	20 Burnett st., East Orange.
Trinity, Plainfield	Cornelius Schenck	255	27	21	19	...	3	525	14	14	.....	.....	2	569	1,033 30	331 55	5,394 72	Plainfield, N. J.
German, Plainfield	George Hauser	40	7	.....	2	...	3	76	8	...	6	45	1	65	25 00	15 00	1,200 00	Plainfield, "
Montclair Heights	Charles W. Gulick	35	6	2	.....	...	...	28	1	2	.....	.....	1	73	68 00	23 00	‡2,202 11	Upper Montclair, "
	Total	2,350	242	139	111	...	42	4,717	213	59	104	1,497	21	5,932	$15,638 70	$4,334 88	$53,800 23	

* Reserved List, 95. † Exclusive of Minister's support. ‡$1,224 on church building.

Other Ministers.—Charles E. Hart, New Brunswick, N. J.; Oscar Gesner, Linden, N. J.; M. G Hansen, 113 William street, East Orange, N. J.; James C. Garretson, Rahway, N. J.; I. V. W. Schenck, 207 Clifton ave., Newark, N. J.

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First, New Brunswick.	P. T. Pockman.....	275	21	7	23	...	13	663	18	5	.....	140	1	426	$1,287 52	$1,064 75	$5,874 22	219 Townsend st., N. Bruns'k.
Six Mile Run.....	G. M. S. Blauvelt...	120	4	3	3	...	6	263	6	2	.....	200	5	218	1,047 00	70 00	1,400 00	Franklin Park, N. J.
Hillsborough	Theodore Shafer...	145	3	1	7	...	3	299	9	...	98	50	7	250	429 87	84 97	1,836 91	Millstone, N. J.
Middlebush.....	James LeFevre.....	65	1	4	3	...	4	118	2	1	.....	85	1	110	257 03	71 96	1,300 00	Middlebush, N. J.
Griggstown	James L. Southard	52	....	3	4	...	1	106	1	...	.....	50	2	90	148 65	21 25	683 52	Griggstown, N. J.
Second, NewBrunsw'k	M. H. Hutton. S. c.	162	4	15	11	...	5	375	.....	...	100	247	2	231	1,408 00	648 00	5,077 00	26 Union st., New Brunswick.
Bound Brook.....	C. T. Anderson	70	3	10	6	...	3	143	1	2	.....	217	1	266	113 64	12 32	1,644 15	South Bound Brook, N. J.
Third, New Brunsw'k.	Carl Meyer.....	10	.....	..	...	...	..	30	2	...	.....	.....	.....	30	30 28	.....	200 00	245 Easton ave., N. Brunswick.
East Millstone	A. P. Peeke..... ...	70	1	....	4	...	3	127	2	1	.....	40	1	63	114 10	11 15	1,293 38	East Millstone, N. J.
Metuchen.....	Ed. V. V. Searle....	72	6	15	6	...	4	177	2	3	.....	90	1	148	261 75	31 70	1.434 56	Metuchen, N. J.
Suydam st., N.Bruns'k	A. D. Campbell.....	60	8	2	4	...	...	242	6	1	....	215	1	215	862 62	56 75	5.725 76	146 Livingston av., N. Brun'k.
Highland Park,.....	Alex. S. VanDyck..	42	6	3	5	...	1	81	2	...	.....	.....	1	91	108 14	30 00	1,000 05	Highland Park, N. Bruns'k.
Spotswood	J. O. Bayles.....	42	2	2	3	1	1	86	....	1	.....	....	1	61	35 00	10 00	852 00	Spotswood, N. J.
	Total	1,185	59	65	79	1	44	2,710	41	16	198	1,334	24	2,199	$6.103 60	$2,092 85	$28,321 55	

Other Ministers.—Jacob Cooper, New Brunswick, N. J.; W. H. Steele, Newark, N. J.; E. S. Booth, Japan; E. Lord, Patchogue, N. Y.; H. D'B. Mulford, New Brunswick, N. J.; John DeWitt, 25 East 22d street, New York; A. F. Todd, Dunellen, N. J.; John B. Thompson, 40 Wall st., Trenton, N. J.; C. H. Polhemus, Middlebush, N. J.

Candidates.—T. D'W. Reiley, N. Y.; A. G. Van Aken, Jamesburg, N. J.

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Acquackanonck	John Gaston, Em. Ame Vennema	187	9	9	11	...	3	400	11	4	179	295	1	321	$1.996 81	$ 640 74	†$8,254 10	Passaic, N. J. Passaic, "
Centerville	Anson DuBois	20	2	1	.....	...	...	46	2	...	.....	25	1	80	20 44	.....	617 00	Athenia, "
Clarkstown	Garret M. Conover	96	7	1	7	...	4	174	2	3	.....	.....	3	220	113 32	34 65	1,787 62	West Nyack, N. Y.
Clifton	Henry VanHaagen	58	6	6	3	...	...	112	2	1	.....	.....	1	232	30 45	20 00	1,845 90	Clifton, "
Garfield	W. G. Myles	58	1	3	5	...	...	78	4	...	.....	4	1	113	30 00	.....	709 76	Garfield, "
Glen Rock	Vacant. Stud't sup.	19	3	...	1	...	...	26	4	3	.....	.....	1	48	11 31	.....	407 37	Ridgewood, "
Hawthorne	Wm. Johnston	53	2	2	1	...	...	50	10	...	20	5	1	132	27 56	.....	634 30	Hawthorne, "
Lodi, First Holland	Tunis H. Hoonte	80	.....	2	2	...	...	156	20	...	258	120	1	150	97 00	150 00	1,000 00	Lodi, "
Lodi, Second	Vacant	45	.....	.....	.....	...	...	67	.....	...	.....	.....	1	150	.....	.....	.....	Lodi, "
Nyack	Wm. J. Legget	174	6	7	11	...	5	*360	9	...	70	150	1	210	1,378 99	161 26	4,420 87	Nyack, N. Y.
Paramus	Wm. H. Vroom	110	7	3	6	...	5	*183	7	1	.....	.....	1	156	326 24	.....	2,080 47	Ridgewood, "
Pascack	Edward Lodewick	100	3	2	6	3	6	135	6	1	.....	100	1	160	136 47	22 00	2,356 69	Park Ridge, "
Passaic, 1st Holland	Martin Flipse	240	27	13	2	...	6	423	44	...	.....	250	1	350	147 00	66 39	5,000 00	Passaic, "
Passaic, North	J. H. Whitehead	110	6	4	2	...	2	294	8	3	.....	200	1	325	1,155 00	310 00	6,650 00	Passaic, "
Paterson, Broadway	Elias W. Thompson	110	6	10	3	...	3	*233	3	2	.....	35	1	235	774 37	202 35	4,200 28	67 Auburn st., Paterson, "
" 1st Holland	Fred. G. Dekker	135	14	4	2	2	12	265	41	...	220	125	1	170	130 00	105 00	2,049 00	50 Clinton st., Paterson, "
" North	Wm. Johnston	35	.....	2	1	...	...	42	2	...	32	4	1	116	31 87	.....	520 87	Hawthorne, "
" Second	Theo. W. Welles, s.c.	175	14	3	5	1	3	*300	17	3	.....	100	1	410	301 82	258 63	3,750 00	79 Hamilton ave., Paterson.
Piermont	Edward S. Ralston	65	.....	3	2	...	1	*108	2	...	.....	.....	1	120	116 22	245 25	2,070 34	Piermont, N. Y.
Ramapo	A. A. King	60	1	1	3	...	...	*116	5	1	.....	.....	2	168	45 00	10 00	1,054 13	Mahwah, N. J.
Ramseys	Vacant	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	...	.....	.....	...	.....	.....	1	100	.....	.....	.....	.....
Ridgewood	J. A. Van Neste	120	15	9	5	...	8	251	7	2	170	150	1	225	664 53	143 83	‡ 5,824 61	Ridgewood, "
Saddle River	I. VanKampen	71	.....	.....	.....	...	...	82	.....	...	.....	.....	1	87	.....	.....	.....	Saddle River, "
Spring Valley	C. E. Crispell	80	.....	.....	3	...	3	117	7	...	78	128	1	128	347 65	15 52	1,326 55	Spring Valley, N. Y.
Tappan	M. N. Oliver	42	1	.....	.....	...	3	100	1	1	40	30	1	80	100 54	10 00	875 69	Tappan, "
Warwick	Taber Knox	150	18	7	2	...	4	*269	3	8	88	120	3	237	1,217 28	3 7 35	2,795 15	Warwick, "
West, N. Hempstead	Henry Welles Brink	47	.....	3	6	...	3	92	.....	...	22	64	1	74	73 23	.....	593 19	Spring Valley, "
Wortendyke, Holl'd.	W. Laubach	70	2	.....	7	...	3	148	12	...	145	40	1	70	5 50	74 50	1,012 46	Wortendyke, N. J.
	Total	2,781	150	95	96	6	74	4,627	229	33	‡1,362	1,948	32	4,867	$9,298 70	$2.577 47	$61,816 35	

* Revised. † Including $4,439.53 for new church site and building. ‡ 16 churches not reporting. § Including $2,000 paid on church mort'ge.

Other Ministers.—Robert M. Offord, Passaic, N. J.; Cornelius R. Blauvelt, Nyack, N. Y.; Nathaniel H. VanArsdale, *Christian Intelligencer*, 4 and 6 Warren street, New York; Thomas S. Dusinberre, Warwick, N. Y.

Candidates.—Hans H. Spoer, 120 Remsen street, Astoria, N. Y.

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Boonton	Alex. McKelvey	67	2	3	...	...	3	*97	2	...	.....	.....	1	110	$ 236 75	$ 16 20	†$1,249 16	Boonton.	N. J.
Fairfield	Otto L. F. Mohn	52	1	4	...	...	5	89	5	...	.....	.....	1	90	70 00	.....	1,206 95	Fairfield, Essex Co.,	"
Little Falls, First	Cornel's M. Steffens	80	7	8	12	...	3	*155	4	...	.....	.....	1	135	362 25	23 00	1,781 47	Little Falls,	"
Little Falls, Second	Vacant	30	8	3	...	...	3	42	17	2	.....	25	1	65	40 00	113 00	201 00	Little Falls,	"
Montville	Abraham Mattice	50	1	2	...	...	3	104	3	...	.....	.....	1	90	58 77	2 50	910 67	Boonton,	"
People's Park, Pat'sn	John Smit	120	13	13	1	5	2	224	13	...	180	150	1	200	42 80	148 84	1,624 90	Paterson,	"
Pompton	Ferdinand S. Wilson	120	12	2	46	...	6	210	15	2	50	125	1	205	480 15	44 87	3,771 23	Riverdale, Morris Co.,	"
Pompton Plains	Jasper S. Hogan	152	14	3	2	1	6	*261	11	9	.....	.....	4	425	497 53	9 54	2,186 38	Pompton Plains,	"
Ponds	John W. Foster	42	1	....	3	...	5	*63	.....	...	.....	32	1	65	25 80	2 75	585 71	Oakland, Bergen Co.,	"
Preakness	Geo. W. Labaw, s. c.	40	3	.....	...	3	...	90	2	...	.....	110	2	110	111 15	32 15	1,208 11	23 Banks st., Paterson,	"
Riverside, Paterson	John B. Church	125	5	3	4	..	1	145	5	1	.....	200	1	463	111 71	15 00	2,887 27	37 East 15th st., "	"
Sixth, Holland, "	E. VanHetloo	450	23	5	15	1	8	875	56	...	.....	445	1	540	201 68	668 00	4,354 92	Paterson,	"
First, Totowa, "	Thos. Powell Vernol	150	6	10	3	2	4	*354	20	1	.....	260	1	360	410 38	79 92	5,607 04	Paterson,	"
Union Reform'd "	H. E. Nies	210	6	9	4	3	5	*390	35	1	765	175	1	315	133 00	.....	1,962 00	Paterson,	"
Wanaque	Ferdinand S. Wilson	36	2	3	...	...	...	*37	1	1	.....	.....	1	70	12 00	17 20	540 86	Riverdale, Morris Co.	"
Wyckoff	A. Westveer	65	5	2	2	...	7	150	5	1	79	75	1	100	116 33	2 00	1,249 08	Wyckoff, Bergen Co.,	"
	Total	1,789	109	70	92	15	61	3,286	194	18	1,074	1,597	20	3,343	$2,910 30	$1,174 97	$31,326 75		

* Revised list.

† Exclusive of interest from legacy.

Other Ministers.—Louis J. Lockwood, Ghent, N. Y.; J. W. Conklin, Springfield, Mass.; G. A. Luckenbill, Clarendon, Vermont.

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No. & So. Hampton..	Horace P. Craig	112	.....	1	4	...	3	*205	.....	...		349	5	424	$ 331 14	$ 23 72	$1,520 00	Churchville, Pa.
Harlingen	Francis M. Kip, s. c.	*110	3	2	3	2	5	*211	3	...	90	90	4	200	222 86	40 50	1,177 44	Harllngen, N. J.
Neshanic.....	John Hart.....	120	6	12	13	...	8	239	13	...	100	50	4	239	213 93	50 55	1,800 00	Neshanic, N. J.
First, Philadelphia...	P. H. Milliken.....	121	2	.....	1	...	3	*184	1	...	100	180	2	258	1,020 80	61 08	3,101 72	1433 Poplar st., Phila. Pa.
Second, " ...	W. H. Williamson....	*110	4	.....	6	...	2	*193	6	...	.....	136	1	169	153 93	....	2,614 25	811 N. 7th st., " "
Fourth, " ...	P. J. Kain.....	242	33	6	4	...	2	444	21	4	240	450	1	497	346 93	141 00	5,125 92	141 Grape st., Manayunk, Pa.
Blawenburgh	John S. VanOrden...	*64	2	2	4	...	1	*133	.....	1	.....	90	1	90	106 50	....	749 62	Blawenburgh, N. J.
Stanton.....	A. C. Bird.....	*81	2	4	3	...	2	*142	4	2	28	17	1	90	65 83	.....	829 99	Stanton, N. J.
Clover Hill.....	Vacant	†72	...	7	7	...	2	137	3	...	32	40	1	70	20 10	....	700 00	....
Rocky Hill.....	Vacant	60	2	5	1	...	1	125	1	...	31	.....	1	108	171 53	5 85	996 50	....
Fifth, Philadelphia..	C. F. C. Suckow.....	160	2	.....	...	...	2	227	.....	...	.....	34	1	282	185 00	161 00	1,992 47	2223 E. Susq. av., Phila., Pa.
Addisville.....	Sidney O. Lawsing .	58	...	3	...	...	2	*118	1	...	.....	.....	2	192	209 00	....	1,091 41	Richboro, Pa,
Three Bridges.....	O. M. Voorhees.....	81	6	7	11	...	2	150	4	3	43	45	1	110	120 00	3 27	818 57	Three Bridges, N. J. [Pa.
Talmage Memorial..	H. C. Willoughby....	93	15	7	2	...	1	166	11	2	72	11	1	298	199 78	....	1,987 24	387 Conarroe st., Rox'boro'h,
South, Philadelphia.	Isaac L. Kip.....	22	4	5	4	...	...	13	3	...	.....	.....	1	60	.....	.....	138 87	1713 Mifflin st., Phila., Pa.
Kampen.....	Vacant	9	.....	11	...	...	...	11	.....	...	.....	.....	.....	31	.....	.....	.....	Westover, Md.
Wilhemina.....	Vacant	9	.....	12	...	...	...	12	.....	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	... ...	.....	Bethlehem, Md.
	Total	1,524	81	84	63	2	36	2,710	71	12	736	1,492	27	3,118	$3,366 43	$486 97	$25,444 00	

* Revised list. † Last year's report.

Other Ministers.—W. J. Skillman, Editor of *City and State*, 462 Lyceum ave., Philadelphia, Pa.; G. E. Gramm, Ardmore, Pa.; N. I. M. Bogart, Metuchen, N. J.; Rev. R. H. Joldersma, Superintendent of Colonies, Pocomoke City, Md.

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First, Raritan	Wm. S. Cranmer	205	23	10	3	...	5	463	5	5	.....	200	1	300	$ 988 71	$270 64	$6,690 91	Somerville, N. J.
Readington	B. V. D. Wyckoff	140	13	3	17	...	2	302	4	8	.....	150	4	225	286 56	47 94	2,076 82	Readington, "
Bedminster	T. Walker Jones	110	5	11	3	...	4	233	3	3	.....	.....	1	180	661 75	48 05	1,655 50	Bedminster, "
Lebanon	Wm. E. Davis, S. C	220	8	1	5	...	8	*349	7	1	.....	.....	5	320	114 82	11 59	1,928 60	Lebanon, "
Rockaway	H. P. Lyman-Wheaton	110	3	.....	11	...	4	159	.....	...	.....	26	3	175	45 56	....	1,331 00	White House, "
North Branch	P. M. Doolittle	139	4	.....	6	...	3	159	3	...	.....	60	1	70	380 10	72 54	1,103 29	North Branch, "
Second, Raritan	E. G. Read	249	13	26	14	...	14	*644	11	3	.....	300	1	618	1,921 86	158 02	5,219 69	Somerville, "
Peapack	Howard C. Hasbrouck	92	7	4	5	...	5	*179	5	3	.....	75	1	130	148 76	12 00	1,243 88	Peapack, "
South Branch	Isaac Sperling	109	1	10	3	...	5	*184	9	...	100	48	4	226	294 24	22 50	1,270 27	South Branch, "
Third, Raritan	Wm. H. DeHart	125	1	2	10	...	5	300	14	...	120	120	1	319	611 28	127 18	2,391 24	Raritan, "
Pottersville	Wilmer McNair, S. S	50	5	2	2	...	...	89	3	1	.....	.....	1	97	40 22	25 72	1,057 64	Pottersville, "
High Bridge	Charles L. Lawrence	108	11	8	3	...	1	*152	8	1	.....	.....	1	180	65 85	20 00	2,472 96	High Bridge, "
Annandale	Henry B. Allen	67	7	5	1	...	1	*109	3	2	.....	.....	1	123	77 49	18 48	1,292 25	Annandale, "
Fourth, Raritan	F. Koechli	80	7	.....	...	...	...	*145	17	...	.....	10	1	.....	45 00	22 00	3 700 00	Somerville. "
	Total	1,794	108	82	83	...	57	3,477	92	27	220	989	25	2,963	$5,682 20	$856 66	$33,434 05	

* Revised List.

Other Ministers.—Henry Stout, Nagasaki, Japan; John F. Mesick, D.D., 236 East Market street, York, Pa.; Charles H. Pool, D.D., Somerville, N. J.; Andrew J. Hageman, Somerville, N. J.; A. McWilliam, Somerville, N. J.; Minor Swick, Somerville, N. J.

SUMMARY VIEW OF THE PARTICULAR SYNOD OF NEW BRUNSWICK, MAY, 1900.

CLASSES.	Churches.	Ministers.	Candidates.	Census, Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS.						BAP.		No. of Baptized Non-Communicants.	C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS.			STATED CLERKS.
					Rec'd. On Confession.	Rec'd. On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.		Catechumens.	Number of Sabbath-Schools.	Total Enrollment.	Benevolent. Denominational Objects.	Benevolent. Other Objects.	Congregational.	
Bergen	19	19	1	2,011	142	88	109	1	64	3,516	453	36	798	1,062	28	7,101	$5,780 69	$3,270 91	$58,947 07	Henry Ward.
South Bergen	12	15	...	1,943	199	62	121	1	81	3,633	387	45	1,279	1,396	16	4,967	3,538 31	2,503 66	43,003 63	Henry C. Cussler
Monmouth	9	11	...	658	39	14	14	...	22	1,259	46	17	327	530	11	1,303	1,680 28	581 02	14,714 89	Jas. T. Schock.
Newark	16	20	...	2,350	242	139	111	...	42	4,717	213	59	104	1,497	21	5,932	15,638 70	4,334 88	53,800 23	C. E. Wyckoff.
New Brunswick	13	22	2	1,185	59	65	79	1	44	2,710	41	16	198	1,334	24	2,199	6,103 60	2,092 85	28,321 55	M. H. Hutton.
Paramus	28	29	1	2,781	150	95	96	6	74	4,627	229	33	1,362	1,948	32	4,867	9,298 70	2,577 47	61,816 35	Theo. W. Welles.
Passaic	16	17	...	1,789	109	70	92	15	61	3,286	194	18	1,074	1,597	20	3,343	2,910 30	1,174 97	31,326 75	Geo. W. Labaw.
Philadelphia	15	17	...	1,506	81	61	63	2	36	2,687	71	12	736	1,492	27	3,087	3,366 43	486 97	25,444 00	F. M. Kip.
Raritan	14	20	...	1,794	108	82	83	...	57	3,477	92	27	220	989	25	2,963	5,682 20	856 66	33,434 05	Wm. E. Davis.
Total	142	170	4	16,017	1,129	676	768	26	481	29,912	1,726	263	6,098	11,845	204	35,762	$53,999 21	$17,879 39	$350,808 52	

ARTICLE VI.

CLASSICAL MINUTES.

The Committee on Classical Minutes reported as follows:

The Minutes of all the Classes except that of Paramus have been presented, and the reports on them are as follows:

GARRETT WYCKOFF,
M. FLIPSE,
P. G. NEVIUS.

Classis of Bergen.—19 Churches.

Minutes carefully and correctly kept, with nothing requiring action of Synod.

The answers to Constitutional questions Nos. 2 and 3, are as follows:

2nd Question 9 Yes. 8 No. 2 No report.
3rd " 16 Yes. 1 No. 2 No report.

E. W. GREENE.

South Classis of Bergen.—12 Churches.

1st. The Minutes have been examined and found correct.

2nd. The Constitutional questions were answered as follows:

2nd Question 10 Yes. 1 No. 1 Not represented.
3rd " 11 Yes. 1 Not represented.

THEODORE SHAFER,
JACOB J. DEMAREST.

Classis of Monmouth.—9 Churches.

Nothing requiring the action of Synod.

The answers to Constitutional questions 2 and 3 as follows:

2nd Question 7 Yes. 2 No.
3rd " 6 Yes. 3 No.

FERDINAND S. WILSON,
ABRAM DOREMUS.

Classis of Newark.—16 Churches.

1st. Your Committee have examined the Minutes of the Classis of Newark, and find them neatly and correctly kept.

2nd. The records contain nothing requiring the action of this Synod.

3rd. The Constitutional questions are answered as follows:

2nd Question 2 Churches Yes. 11 No.
3rd " 12 " Yes. 1 No.

No representatives from the churches of Clinton avenue, Linden, and Christ, Newark.

JOHN S. VAN ORDEN,
GARRET S. LUYSTER.

Classis of New Brunswick.—13 Churches.

Your Committee examined the Minutes of the Classis of New Brunswick, and find them neatly kept.

The Constitutional questions—two churches not represented—were answered as follows: Nine answered Yes to all the questions. One answered Yes to all except second and seventh. One answered Yes to all except seventh.

P. J. KAIN,
A. A. BLAUVELT.

Classis of Passaic.—16 Churches.

The Committee has examined the Minutes of this Classis, and found them correctly kept and nothing requiring the action of Synod.

To the second question 10 churches answered Yes, and six answered No. To the third question 16 churches answered Yes.

W. H. WILLIAMSON,
H. W. RIHL.

Classis of Philadelphia.—17 Churches.

The Committee on Classical Minutes of the Classis of Philadelphia, report that the records are carefully kept and find nothing requiring the special attention of the Synod.

The Constitutional questions answered as follows:

2nd Question 8 Yes. 5 No.
3rd " 13 Yes.

Churches of Clover Hill and South Philadelphia, no answers to the several questions.

CHAS. I. SHEPARD,
A. HAMILTON PATTERSON.

Classis of Raritan.—14 Churches.

Constitutional inquiries as follows:

	No. 2.	No. 7.
Bedminster,	No.	
Lebanon,	No.	No.
Rockaway,	No.	No.
Peapack,	No.	
Pottersville,		No.
High Bridge,	No.	No.
Annandale,	No.	

All other replies in affirmative.

The record seems to be complete in all particulars.

P. H. MILLIKEN,
A. W. GIVIN.

The report was adopted.

ARTICLE VII.

CLASSICAL APPEALS.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE VIII.

CLASSICAL REFERENCES.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE IX.

CHURCH GOVERNMENT.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE X.

DOCTRINES AND MORALS.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XI

CUSTOMS AND USAGES.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XII.

CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS.

Attended to.

ARTICLE XIII.

SYNODICAL INJUNCTIONS.

Attended to.

ARTICLE XIV.

BENEVOLENT BOARDS.

The Committee on Systematic Beneficence reported as follows :

The Committee on Systematic Beneficence has had nothing referred to it for its special consideration. It feels, however, that this cause is one of too great worth to be dismissed without some action. As the Synod well knows, the present is an era of unusual quickening in benevolent operations. The oncoming century, with its urgent appeals

to enlarged and ever-enlarging work, is stirring God's people everywhere to renewed thoughtfulness and earnestness. We therefore recommend:

1st. The adoption by all our churches of some method or methods which shall reach, as far as possible, every member of our communion. According to General Synod's last report only five-ninths of the churches of our denomination have adopted such methods. We trust that the other four-ninths of our churches may be brought soon into the same category.

2nd. We would press upon the five-ninths of our churches already engaged in this work the need of renewed interest and effort, that the result of their labors may prove more abundant in the future than they ever have in the past.

B. V. D. WYCKOFF,
W. H. WILLIAMSON,
A. HAMILTON PATTERSON,
Committee.

Rev. I. W. Gowen was heard on Wednesday morning in the interests of the Board of Publication.

The Board of Foreign Missions was represented by Rev. C. L. Wells, D.D., in an earnest address.

Rev. W. Walton Clark, Field Secretary, spoke in behalf of the Domestic Board.

Rev. E. B. Sanford, D.D., Secretary of the National Committee of Federation of Churches, was present, and being invited addressed the Synod upon the aims of this organization.

The Synod passed a resolution of thanks to these brethren for the instruction and encouragement which their words had given the Synod, and it was resolved to appoint a committee of three ministers and two elders to consult with similar committees that may be appointed by other denominations in the interests of the Federation of Churches. Revs. W. H. Vroom, I. W. Gowen, P. T. Pockman, and Elders J. J. Janeway and Joseph Mundy were appointed said committee.

ARTICLE XV.

TREASURER.

The Treasurer presented his report of receipts and disbursements as follows:

Report of I. P. Brokaw, Treasurer.

RECEIPTS.

1899.			
May 5.—Balance brought forward			$187 57
1900.			
Feb. 12.—Assessment, Classis of	Newark		28 00
" 28.— " "	Passaic		10 00
Mar. 3.— " "	South Bergen		15 00
5.— " "	Paramus		30 00
27.— " "	Bergen		17 00
Apr. 4.— " "	New Brunswick		18 00
7.— " "	Philadelphia		12 00
11.— " "	Raritan		15 00
26.— " "	Monmouth		8 00
			$340 57

EXPENDITURES.

1899.			
May 5.—Telegram P. S. of New York		72	
" Sexton's fee		$ 5 00	
" Expenses Rev. A. Vennema		3 45	
" " Rev. C. E. Wyckoff		3 00	
" " Stated Clerk		4 00	
June 1.—Salary " "		50 00	
" 28.—Minutes Printed		80 01	
" 30.—Postage and expressage		7 14	
		$153 32	$153 32
Balance in treasury			$187 25

The report with vouchers was referred to the Committee on Treasurer's report, who, having examined it, reported that they found it correct.

The report was adopted and the Treasurer was authorized to lay the usual apportionment upon the Classes of the expenses of Synod.

ARTICLE XVI.

PARTICULARIA.

The sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered at the opening of the Synod at the hour of the usual devotional exercises, the President of the Synod conducting the service, assisted by Rev. P. J. Kain in dispensing the bread, Rev. Garret Wyckoff, the cup, and Elders A. Doremus, A. A. Blauvelt, H. W. Rihl, M. D., and A. W. Givin.

The hours of meeting and adjournment were fixed at 5.30 P. M., 8 P. M. and 9 A. M.

The first half hour of the session on Wednesday morning was devoted to prayer, praise and conference under the leadership of the Vice President of the Synod.

The Committee on Nominations recommended the appointment of Rev. W. J. Leggett, Ph. D., primarius, and Rev. W. R. Ackert, secundus, to address the Synod at its meeting in 1901, on such subject as the speaker may choose. This recommendation was adopted by the Synod.

It was resolved, upon motion of Rev. P. H. Milliken, that the hearty thanks of this Synod be extended to the pastor, consistory and families of the Grove church for their cordial reception and bountiful hospitality to us on this, the first occasion of the Synod's meeting with them.

ARTICLE XVII.

DELEGATES TO GENERAL SYNOD.

The nominations of the Classes were confirmed as follows:

CLASSIS OF BERGEN.

PRIMARII.

Rev. Arthur Johnson,	Elder John B. Williams,
" I. W. Gowen,	" J. H. Weston,
" H. Vanderwart,	" Edgar D. Howland.

SECUNDI.

Rev. Henry Ward,	Elder Henry Werneking,
" Wm. Manchee,	" J. C. Meharg,
" D. M. Talmage,	" J. C. Bush.

SOUTH CLASSIS OF BERGEN.

PRIMARII.

Rev. Gottlieb Andraea,	Elder John Kohlmann,
" Cornelius Brett, D.D.,	" Joel W. Brown,
" W. H. Boocock,	" George Carragan.

SECUNDI.

Rev. E. A. Meury,	Elder Henry Hoersch,
" J. F. Morgan,	" Thos. N. Ward,
" A. E. Krom,	" James Benny.

CLASSIS OF MONMOUTH.

PRIMARII.

Rev. G. Wyckoff,	Elder William Jones,
" P. K. Hageman,	" W. W. Conover, Jr.,
" B. B. Staats,	" J. O. Green, M. D.

SECUNDI.

Rev. E. W. Greene,	Elder D. P. VanBrakle,
" A. A. Zabriskie,	" George Conover,
" I. P. Brokaw,	" John B. Conover.

CLASSIS OF NEWARK.

PRIMARII.

Rev. George S. Bishop, D.D.,	Elder James Blair,
" D. H. Martin, D.D.,	" John Lancaster,
" William Stuart,	" Arthur Ward, M. D.

SECUNDI.

Rev. J. S. Allen,	Elder Wm. Eisenbiegler,
" M. G. Hansen,	" Alex. R. Milliken,
" W. E. Bogardus,	" Nelson Jacobus.

CLASSIS OF NEW BRUNSWICK.

PRIMARII.

Rev. Alan D. Campbell,	Elder Charles S. VanNuis,
" James L. Southard,	" C. N. Hoagland,
" A. Paige Peeke,	" Garret W. Baird.

SECUNDI.

Rev. Alex. S. VanDyck,	Elder Peter H. Suydam,
" John O. Bayles,	" James Fountain,
" Marcius H. Hutton, D.D.,	" W. Hartley Johnson.

CLASSIS OF PARAMUS.

PRIMARII.

Rev. Anson DuBois, D.D.,	Elder J. H. Courter,
" Garret M. Conover,	" John A. Marenus,
" Thomas S. Dusinberre,	" I. W. Maloney,
" W. G. Myles,	" John Jones,
" Tunis H. Hoonte,	" Jacob Cruzon.

SECUNDI.

Rev. C. R. Blauvelt, Ph. D.,	Elder Peter Van Iderstine,
" W. J. Leggett, Ph. D.,	" Wilberforce VanSlyke,
" W. H. Vroom, D.D.,	" G. H. Winter,
" Edward Lodewick,	" J. H. Ackerman,
" Martin Flipse,	" Jacob VanDerKooi.

CLASSIS OF PASSAIC.

PRIMARII.

Rev. A. McKelvey,	Elder J. H. Brown,
" A. Mattice,	" M. Jacobus,
" J. S. Hogan,	" S. Bogert.

SECUNDI.

r. J. W. Foster,	Elder David Hopper,
" O. L. F. Mohn,	" J. S. VanNess,
" C. M. Steffens,	" S. Francisco.

CLASSIS OF PHILADELPHIA.

PRIMARII.

ev. P. H. Milliken, D.D.,	Elder A. H. Patterson,
" W. H. Williamson,	" H. W. Rihl, M. D.,
" P. J. Kain,	" A. W. Givin.

SECUNDI.

v. J. S. VanOrden,	Elder Stephen Voorhees,
" A. C. Bird,	" S. Carhart,
" N. I. M. Bogert,	" Ira Higgins.

CLASSIS OF RARITAN.

PRIMARII.

r. William E. Davis,	Elder George D. Winters,
" H. P. Lyman-Wheaton, D.D.,	" George V. Stilwell,
P. M. Doolittle,	" Simon P. Nevius.

SECUNDI.

r. E. G. Read, D.D.,	Elder Matthew P. Lane,
" H. C. Hasbrouck,	" John Frost,
" Isaac Sperling,	" Theo. Amerman.

ARTICLE XVIII.

INTSRUCTIONS TO DELEGATES.

None were given.

ARTICLE XIX.

ADJOURNMENT.

Synod adjourned at 12.30 P. M. of the second day of the session to ld its next annual meeting in the Suydam street Reformed Church New Brunswick, on the first Tuesday of May, 1901, at 3 o'clock, P.

CLOSE OF THE SYNOD.

The Minutes were read and approved, the usual number were ordered to be printed, and the Synod adjourned with prayer by Rev. Jas. LeFevre, after very pleasant words of cordial feeling from the Pastor of the church and the President of Synod.

W. H. VROOM, *President.*

P. J. KAIN, *Vice President.*

CHAS. L. LAWRENCE,
JOHN S. VAN ORDEN, } *Clerks pro tem.*

I. P. BROKAW, *Stated Clerk.*

Places of Meetings and Presidents.

369.—First New Brunswick.....Rev. B. C. Taylor, D.D.
870.—First, New Brunswick.....Rev. William Reiley, D.D.
871.—First, VanVorst, Jersey City...Rev. Wm. R. Gordon, D.D.
872.—Acquackanonck, Passaic.....Rev. W. V. V. Mabon, D.D.
873.—Second, Freehold.....Rev. John Gardner.
874.—Second, Newark .....Rev. J. Paschal Strong.
875.—Second, Somerville.....Rev. George J. VanNeste.
876.—First Paterson.....Rev. William R. Duryee.
877.—Second, New Brunswick.....Rev. William R. Gordon, D.D.
878.—Bergen.....Rev. J. Howard Suydam.
879.—First, Philadelphia.....Rev. John F. Mesick, D.D.
880.—Neshanic.....Rev. James LeFevre.
881.—Paramus.....Rev. Cornelius Brett.
382.—Millstone.....Rev. M. H. Hutton.
383.—First, New Brunswick.....Rev. Paul D. VanCleef, D.D.
384.—Warwick.....Rev. Theodore W. Welles.
385.—East Orange.....Rev. Thomas C. Easton, D.D.
86.—Lafayette, Jersey City .....Rev. David Waters, D.D.
87.—Lebanon .....Rev. Edward G. Reed.
88.—Belleville.....Rev. I. P. Brokaw.
89.—Second, Philadelphia.....Rev. J. Preston Searle.
90.—First, Somerville.....Rev. Wm. W. Knox.
91.—Third, Raritan.....Rev. N. H. VanArsdale, D.D.
92.—Nyack .....Rev. H. Vehslage, D.D.
93.—First Hackensack.....Rev. J. B. Thompson, D.D.
94.—Broadway, Patterson.....Rev. W. H. DeHart.
95.—North, Passaic.....Rev. Alan D. Campbell.
96.—Ridgewood.....Rev. Charles I. Shepard, D.D.
97.—Bayonne .....Rev. P. H. Hilliken, Ph.D.
98.—Clinton Avenue, Newark.....Rev. Peter Stryker, D.D.
99.—Warwick, N. Y.....Rev. W. S. Cranmer.
00.—New Durham.....Rev. W. H. Vroom, D.D.

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OF THE

Particular Synod of New Brunswick.

The Particular Synod of New Brunswick met in Stated Session in ıe Second Reformed church, of Freehold, N. J., on Tuesday, May 7, 901, at 3.30 P. M., and remained in session until Wednesday, 12.30 . M.

FORMATION OF SYNOD.

ARTICLE I.

OPENING OF THE SYNOD.

The Synod was opened with prayer by the President, Rev. W. H. 'room, D.D., who also preached the sermon on Tuesday evening from he text Heb. 2:3. "How shall we escape if we neglect so great alvation?"

ARTICLE II.

MEMBERS PRESENT.

Classis of Bergen.—Ministers, John Justin, Chas. S. Wright. El- er, Abram Doremus.

South Classis of Bergen.—Ministers, C. Brett, W. H. Boocock. El- ers, Geo. Carragan, Joel W. Brown.

Classis of Monmouth.—Ministers, P. K. Hageman, B. B. Staats, ı. I. Martine, I. P. Brokaw. Elders, J. C. Gulick, J. H. Baird, D. H. luck, C. P. VanDerveer.

Classis of Newark.—

Classis of New Brunswick.—Ministers, E. V. V. Searle, John O. ayles, Jas. L. Southard. Elders, John VanNest, V. M. W. Suydam.

Classis of Paramus.—Ministers, E. W. Thompson, J. A. VanNeste. lder, W. P. Millar.

Classis of Passaic.—Ministers, T. P. Vernoll, John Smit. Elders, John G. Hopper, P. D. Westerhoff.

Classis of Philadelphia.—Ministers, John Hart, F. M. Kip, C. F. C. Suckow. Elders, John Craig, Peter N. VanNuys.

Classis of Raritan.—Ministers, B. V. D. Wyckoff, W. H. DeHart. Elder, J. W. Stout.

ARTICLE III.

OFFICERS.

Rev. Jno. Hart was elected President.

Rev. T. P. Vernoll was elected Vice President.

Rev's J. A. VanNeste and B. V. D. Wyckoff were elected Temporary Clerks.

ARTICLE IV.

MINUTES AND BEQUEST OF REV. ELIAS VAN BENSCHOTEN.

These were read.

Acts of the Synod.

ARTICLE I.

RULES OF ORDER.

These were read.

ARTICLE II.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

The following were appointed :

On Synodical Minutes.—Rev's B. B. Staats, A. I. Martine. Elder, C. P. VanDerveer.

On Classical Minutes.—Rev's E. W. Thompson, T. P. Vernoll. Elder, J. H. Baird.

Sub-Committee.—

Rev. P. K. Hageman,	Elder, Jos. C. Gulick,
Rev. Jas. L. Southard,	Elder, Peter N. VanNuys,
Rev. F. M. Kip,	Elder, John G. Hopper,
Rev. A. I. Martine,	Elder, D. H. Buck,
Rev. C. F. C. Suckow,	Elder, C. P. VanDerveer,
Rev. John Smit,	Elder, P. D. Westerhoff,
Rev. E. V. V. Searle,	Elder, John VanNest,
Rev. J. A. VanNeste,	Elder, W. P. Millar,
Rev. Cor's Brett,	Elder, Geo. Carragan.

On Classical Reports.—Rev's W. H. Vroom, B. V. D. Wyckoff. Elder, John Craig.

On Overtures and Judicial Business.—Rev's C. Brett, W. H. DeHart. Elder, John VanNest.

On Nominations.—Rev's J. A. VanNeste, Jas. L. Southard. Elder, W. P. Millar.

On Treasurer's Report.—Rev's John O. Bayles, C. F. C. Suckow. Elder, Peter N. VanNuys.

On Systematic Beneficence.—Rev's W. H. Boocock, Chas. S. Wright, Elder, Geo. Carragan.

ARTICLE III.

COMMUNICATIONS.

The following were received:

A statement from the Stated Clerk that the Suydam street Reformed church of New Brunswick, having asked to withdraw its invitation to the Synod to hold this session with them on account of the meeting of General Synod in New Brunswick so soon after, he had accepted in behalf of Particular Synod an offer of entertainment in Freehold.

This action of the Stated Clerk was approved.

A cordial invitation from the Trinity Reformed church of Plainfield, through its pastor, Rev. Cornelius Schenck, Ph.D., to meet with them in 1902. The invitation was accepted.

Notices from the Secretaries of the Boards of Domestic and Foreign Missions that Rev's P. H. Milliken, D.D., and Rev. J. W. Conklin had been appointed to represent them in this Synod.

ARTICLE IV.

CORRESPONDENCE WITH OTHER SYNODS.

Copies of the minutes of General Synod and of the Particular Synods of New York, Albany and Chicago, for 1900, were received and referred to the Committee on Synodical Minutes, who reported as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SYNODICAL MINUTES.

Your Committee on Synodical Minutes have examined the Minutes of the 94th Session of General Synod, and the Minutes of the Particular Synods of New York, Albany and Chicago. We report but one item requiring attention of this Synod, namely: the action of General Synod, recorded on page 841, relative to the functions and efficiency of Particular Synods. We embody the synodical resolution as follows: "To this end we recommend that the Particular Synods be requested to appoint annually a Standing Committee of five, of which the President shall be Chairman, and the Stated Clerk the Secretary, to arrange plans for holding at the succeeding meeting, a public meeting in connection with the regular work of the Synod, at which representatives from our Seminaries and Colleges shall be invited to speak; and that in addition to the regular presentation of the Educational and Missionary work, which should include the Women's Departments, representatives from Christian Endeavor Societies, and from the Brotherhood of Andrew and Phillip, be heard.

Your Committee recommend that the foregoing recommendation of General Synod be approved by this Synod, and that the necessary committee be appointed.

Respectfully submitted,

BERGEN B. STAATS,
A. I. MARTINE,
C. P. VANDERVEER.
Committee.

The report was accepted and adopted and the committee as thus constituted consists of the President, Stated Clerk, Rev's B. B. Staats, C. S. Wright and Elder P. N. VanNuys.

ARTICLE V.

CLASSICAL REPORTS.

The Committee on Classical Reports presented the following which was accepted and adopted:

Report of Committee on Classical Reports.

The Committee on the State of Religion respectfully submits the following report:

A careful examination of the reports of the several Classes, and a comparison of their statistics with those of the previous year, show that the Synod is holding its own fairly well at all points, and that in a few departments it is exhibiting decided progress. The cheering items in its spiritual state are the gain of seven churches this year, and a net increase in the number of communicants of 285.

Several churches have rejoiced in the ingathering of a goodly number of converts. There has been no gain of ministers and no increase in the number of families enrolled. In fact the figures show a loss of two ministers and seventy-six families. The number of catechumens, we regret to say, has decreased by 372. The Sabbath-school figures, as might be expected, show little change.

The most decided progress is seen in the contributions of the people both for benevolent objects and for the support of the churches. Under gifts for "denominational objects," the increase over the previous year is $4,615.08. There is also a gain of $2,268.52 in the amounts given to "other objects" of benevolence; while under the head of "congregational contributions" the gain is $35,287.93.

While there is much in these reports that is encouraging, there are

also facts which call for earnest thought and prayer. The encouraging features are mostly on the side of the material rather than the spiritual, and seem to be a reflection simply of the better worldly conditions prevailing in the country. The revival as formerly understood is conspicuously absent. It is evident that the sharp conflict between materialism and worldliness on the one hand, and faith and piety on the other, which has raged so fiercely for several years, has not yet abated. The Gospel makes its progress not with a free course but against tremendous and exceptional opposition--an opposition arising largely from sheer worldliness, which, in too many cases, affects the membership of the churches as well as those without. This is shown by the fact that the conditions all seem favorable for growth and enlargement.

The territory covered by the Synod is rapidly filling up with people. There is every evidence of faithful and abundant labors by Ministers and Consistories, to gather them in. No agency that promises any success is neglected, and yet, our record shows 256 families less under our care than were reported three years ago. While these facts cannot discourage the children of faith who have all the promises of God to rest upon, they do call for more prayer that God will open for the Gospel a door of access to the hearts of the people, and they do emphasize the need of an ever renewed consecration to the work of proclaiming the truth.

It is said that the government of the United States refused to publish religious statistics of the churches in its last census, because of their unreliability, and it is no doubt true that there are religious bodies whose so called statistics are largely works of imagination. This has never been true of the statistics of the Reformed church. The best methods that could be devised, and the greatest pains have ever been taken to gather figures which should be thoroughly reliable. Yet, there is one column in our tables, which stands as a mortifying exception to this statement. It is entitled "Baptized Non-communicants." It was established to give honor to God's ancient covenant, and to stimulate the churches in their care of those who had received the seal of the covenant. Upon referring to the act by which it was authorized we are not surprised at its failure. The act was as follows:

"*Resolved*, That the Consistory of each church be directed to report annually to Classis, as nearly as possible, the number of its baptized members not in full communion."

This was vague enough as was shown by the returns of the first year. The Committee on the State of Religion, at the end of the year, said: "There seems to be considerable difference of opinion as to who are to

be included in reporting the number of baptized non-communicants, so that the statistics on this point are not satisfactory," and the Synod then passed the following :

Resolved, That in reporting the number of 'Baptized Non-communicants' the churches be directed to include only those baptized persons, young and old, not members in full communion, who are identified with the congregation at the time of making the report."

It might seem, at first view, that this was a very clear and definite rule, but upon attempting to apply it to an actual enumeration it was found that the ambiguity was fully as great, if not greater, than before. Who could tell what should constitute a sufficient "identification" with the church to warrant enrollment? It must be remembered that a man a thousand miles away may be nearer to the heart and life of the church than one who dwells under the shadow of its walls. Then it might be asked, also, whether any good end could be served by excluding all who have been baptized elsewhere, and are now closely identified with another church, and who have become ineligible for enrollment in their own churches by reason of their removal? Some ministers have doubtless thought that the wording of the foregoing resolution would admit such persons, while others would not think of so interpreting it. Amidst these and other like uncertainties, it is not surprising that many churches have declined to act. This column is now 21 years old. It should be made responsible for a true and full utterance, or be abolished. Its failure thus far, in the opinion of your Committee, is due to no lack of interest in the matter, but to the want of a clear working rule. We, therefore, recommend the following :

Resolved, That a memorial be sent to the General Synod, requesting that body to declare in a clear, definite, unmistakable manner, the class or classes of persons to be enumerated in the column entitled : "Baptized Non-communicants," and to have the rule, thus adopted, printed on the blanks furnished to Consistories for their annual reports.

Resolved, That in case it is found that no practicable and useful rule can be formulated, the General Synod be asked to abolish the said column.

We also recommend the following :

Resolved, That in view of a falling off in the number of catechumens, the several Classes have their attention called to this matter, and be urged to keep before their churches the importance of a faithful, catechetical training of the young.

The reports of the Classes show that two of our brethren in the ministry have ceased from their labors and entered into rest. The Classis of New Brunswick reports the death of the Rev. A. Paige Peeke, and the Classis of Passaic the death of the Rev. G. A. Luckenbill.

Our brother the Rev. Cornelius E. Wyckoff, of the Classis of Newark, has also departed this life, his death having occurred since the report of the Classis was rendered.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM H. VROOM,
Chairman.

CLASSIS OF BERGEN.

To the Classis of Bergen :

Your Committee on the State of Religion begs to report a pleasing story for the year just closed. The reception of the reports from three churches after the opening of Classis prevents that careful resume obtainable only in leisure and quiet. Be it said, however, that not in years has the summary of this season been exceeded. The statement of improved spiritual conditions is without exception in Classis. At Oradell, Spring Valley, Cherry Hill and Hoboken, the work of Rev. Hugh W. Rankin, evangelist for the Synod of Colorado, has met with hearty response and many souls have come into the Classis and kingdom. New roofs, pipe organs, painted parsonages, debts paid in part or full, mortgages lifted, that is the story of worldly activity. If thirty, sixty, or an hundred fold growth be evidence of an approving heaven, if growth in grace and brick and mortar, of paint and musical pipe betoken energy of faith and works in wedlock, then Bergen Classis and the great Spirit of God have been in intimate and loving fellowship.

The twentieth century finds the Classis discovering the organization of new churches. Highwood ranks from July 5, Rochelle Park from November 2, and Bogart Memorial from December, all in 1900.

The pastoral relation between the Rev. Artemas Dean, D.D., and the church of Palisades was dissolved June 15, 1900, and Dr. Dean dismissed to the Presbytery of Newark. Rev. W. R. Ackert has been dismissed to the Classis of New York, and the Rev. Charles L. Clist to the Presbytery of Nassau.

Candidates received are: Floris Ferwerda, from Classis of New Brunswick ; C. Morton Sciple, from the Classis of New York ; Homer McMillan, from the Classis of Orange. Mr. Ferwerda was ordained to the Gospel ministry and installed pastor of the church of Palisades on Oct. 3. Oct. 5, Messrs Sciple and MacMillan were ordained, and Mr. Sciple was installed pastor of the new church at Highwood.

Cullings from pastoral annotations read :

First Hackensack paid a debt of $2,500, and owns a surplus of $250. A steady, patient sowing matured into good results.

Schraalenburg and her church structure have reached their hundredth birthday. To commemorate this centennial an effort is afoot to secure one hundred new members. The painting of parsonage and sanctuary, and the advent of electric lighting in church and chapel indicate this people are not unmindful of earthly things.

English Neighborhood modestly forbears remark. Statistics, compared with last year, show honest and faithful plodding.

New Durham lost one able assistant and secured another. Plans are pushing to plant an assistant pastor at West New York Chapel. As oft before, so again, this church bears the pennant of Classis in the accession of seventy-seven new members. A pipe organ costing $3,500, and building additions amounting to another $2,000, reveal a people not slothful about their Father's business.

First Hoboken is trying the automobile plan. She has left the infant department of the Domestic Board, and for one year, unaided and alone, has paddled her own financial canoe. With a new slate roof and debts paid, a neat balance in the bank tells the tale of the dollar. Last autumn arose the jubilee milestone, and twenty-six members were added on the fiftieth anniversary. Rev. H. W. Rautan conducted a week of revival with excellent report. Benevolence has doubled, each Board benefitting thereby. A circle for young women, a guild for young men, and a missionary auxiliary for the ladies completes the machinery of organization. The twentieth century dawns with cloudless face.

North Bergen advanced her own record in gifts unto the Lord, and augmented her working force.

Second Hackensack mourns an honored deacon and Sabbath-school superintendent in the death of Arthur N. Comes. The Bogota mission has become an organized church, and hopes for an early pastorate.

German Evangelical, Hoboken, has erased $1,000 of debt. At the forty-fifth anniversary this autumn, effort will be made to cancel the remaining obligations. In the province of infant baptism this church stands without a rival, reporting one-half of all christenings in the Classis, and six to spare. Full measure, pressed down, running over.

Third Hackensack shows steady work.

Closter enlarged her offerings to missions; has set a new pace in Sabbath-school enrollment and averages; and the Christian Endeavor flourishes.

Palisades, in youthful hands, prospers.

Guttenberg, during the year, has become self-supporting. A testimonial paper of esteem was presented the pastor at the close of his

seventh year of service, and pledges of earnest co-operation in the future.

Central Avenue, Jersey City, notes a year of spiritual blessing. A rise in benevolence, and a $500 reduction of the mortgage leads the people into fond dreams for ample blessing to annihilate all obligations.

Cherry Hill, in March, had the largest communion on record. A band of sixteen, pledged to prayer, are gathering souls into the kingdom.

Secaucus, as in years past, continues the work of pastoral supplies and reports encouragingly.

Spring Valley rejoices in a revival of spirit. Twelve additions raised the enrollment sixty per cent., and more to follow.

Westwood reports favorably in figures, which are signs of fair growth and work. The church joins in deepest sympathy with the pastor in the loss of his excellent and efficient wife and co-laborer. Within a few weeks followed the death of two other members, a charter member, and also a deacon faithful and lamented. Debt reduced $600.

Oradell, regretting the loss of members and contributors owing to the advent of a new church in the community, nevertheless rejoices in the good work.

Hasbrouck Heights continues the pace of past years. Averages, accessions, contributions, all appear with net gains. An annex for Sabbath-school is contemplated. There is pleading, by prayer, for quickening of spiritual life.

Highwood, Rochelle Park, Bogart Memorial, ecclesiastical triplets, are commended for promptness in statistical returns, and held up for emulation by delinquents.

Respectfully submitted,

CONRAD BLUHM,
J. V. RUDOLPH.

SOUTH CLASSIS OF BERGEN.

Bergen Reformed Church reports a very prosperous year. We note that this is the 25th annual report under the present pastorate, and that during this quarter century 1,000 members have been enrolled. All services during the year closing have been well attended. By a system of weekly offerings in addition to pew rents, the revenues of the church have been increased. At every communion members have been received both on confession of faith and by letter, fifty-seven in all, but owing to the roll of membership having been carefully revised, the net

gain reported is only five. This church further reports having entered heartily into the canvas suggested by the Federation of Churches, with satisfactory results. Union meetings, covering two weeks, were held in connection with neighboring churches.

The First Reformed Church of Bayonne reports a quiet year but one of steady advance, both in the revenues and in the attendance of the church. The attendance upon the church services has been noticeably increasing during the past six months, and the adoption of the envelope system, in addition to the pew rents, has increased the revenue very materially. The Treasurer reports all debts paid and a balance in the treasury. Many members who in years past moved from Bayonne, have been encouraged to take their letters to some neighboring church, and what appears like a net loss for the year is in reality a gain. The spirit in the church is one of harmony and christian good will, and the relations between this and neighboring churches of other denominations are most cordial.

The roll of members has been carefully revised, and 116 placed on the absent list.

The financial report, prepared by the Treasurer of the church, Mr. George Carragan, shows this the most successful of the last four years.

Wayne Street Reformed Church, reports a year of spiritual prosperity. The work of the church has been intensive rather than extensive. Of the 31 members added to the roll this year, all but 13 have been heads of families. The roll of the church has been revised, 12 names have been placed on the absent list, and the net gain in numbers is 12. But there has been a marked increase in the spirit of service and in personal piety. To the list of its beneficence has been added the Disabled Ministers' Fund with an offering of $16.65. The outlook for the future seems brighter.

Park Reformed Church, reports steady progress during the year. More members have been added than during any year of the present pastorate. A gratifying feature is the number which have united by certificate. Congregations are larger, and the Sunday-schools better attended than heretofore. The revenues of the church are also increasing. The various church societies are prosperous. In view of the approaching 50th anniversary of this church, the Consistory is planning the remodelling and redecoration of the interior. The outlook for substantial progress during the coming years is encouraging.

Bergen Point Reformed Church sends in this year only a partial report, owing to the absence of the pastor, Rev. Asbury Krom, and owing still more to the recent destruction of their church building by fire

and the consequent loss of the church records, it was impossible for the church to present a full report this year.

The Second Church of Hudson City reports a blessed year. The spiritual life of the church has prospered, and the advancing financial condition is indicated by an increase in the salary of the pastor.

Lafayette Reformed Church reports a quiet year. Nothing of special interest has occurred. The statistical table shows that steady and faithful work has been done.

Greenville Reformed Church is without a pastor. Nothing more than the statistical report is given. A study of the statistics show a net loss in membership for the year of 20. Ten of these members have been dismissed since Mr. Allen resigned. Notwithstanding this, other features of the report indicate great strength. The total number reported in communion is 180, in the Sunday-school 287, and the amount raised for congregational expenses is $2,322.68.

Free, Jersey City, reports progress along the whole line of church work.

Third Bayonne reports a successful year. A fair was held last spring, the proceeds of which enabled them to reduce the mortgage on the church building from $1,500 to $1,200, and also to pay off a debt of $200 on the parsonage. An accession of 16 on confession shows also a prosperous condition spiritually.

First German Evangelical Church gives only the statistical report,

St. John's German Evangelical sends only statistical table.

CLASSIS OF MONMOUTH.

Report of the Committee on the State of Religion :

Your Committee would respectfully report as follows :

With commendable promptness, there has been forwarded to us a report from each of the nine churches of Classis.

The story of the year as gleaned from the statistics, is not inspiring, for, in nearly every item, there is a decrease.

Compared with last year, there are 38 less families reported ; 18 less received on confession ; 22 less in reported number of members; 11 less of infants baptized ; 10 less of adults ; 120 less of baptized non-communicants reported ; the number of catechumens reported is fewer by 6 ; there is 1 less in Sunday-schools, with 168 fewer enrolled; $30.88 less was contributed to denominational objects, $280.95 less to other benevolences, and $308.38 less for congregational purposes.

But, while figures are supposed to tell the truth, yet they do not always tell "the *whole* truth ;" and therefore they sometimes convey

very false impressions. The story, as gleaned from the appended "Remarks," puts a different phase upon conditions within this Classis. For example: three churches report "no accessions to membership;" but the written story of the year's work reveals the fact that faithful work has been done in each of these fields, in nurturing, seed-sowing, and foundation laying. Let us not forget that seed-sowing must precede, even as it gives promise of the harvest. Let us not forget, also, that a "fallow" season may be as wholesome and as necessary in grace as in nature. If "Paul plants" faithfully and "Apollos waters" prayerfully, God *will give* "the increase;" but He will give it *in His own time and way*. Further: may not the small ingatherings in this Classis for the past five years be for the trying of our faith, or, possibly, for the rebuking of our presumption? Have we all, and always, sowed the seed *believingly?* Have we not, possibly, dictated times and ways, saying: At such a time, and in such a way, we will have revivals and ingatherings?

Whatever the causes or purposes, it becomes us to humble ourselves, and, with one united cry, to seek of God that He will remove the hindrances, and prepare the way, and grant the blessing.

The decrease in reported membership is slight and is probably due to revised rolls. The marked decrease in "Total Enrollment" in Sunday-schools is principally in two churches, and is due to revision of rolls. There is no material decline in contributions to denominational benevolences or to congregational purposes. All the other statistics are subject to such fluctuations that they are of little or no value as indices of church life.

We further glean from the several reports as follows:

First Freehold.—"The work has advanced along all lines, with a marked spirit of harmony. The people have willingly responded to calls made upon them, enabling Consistory to put a furnace in the parsonage, erect sheds at the chapel, and pay $695 on the outstanding debt. With all this there seems to be a deepening of spiritual life."

Holmdel.—"None have been added to the church. Eight have been dismissed. Death and removal are sadly depleting our ranks. Our benevolences have not decreased. Good spirit and harmony prevail. Considerable earnestness is shown in meeting all financial obligations."

Middletown.—"For the first time in the present pastorate, we are obliged to report to Classis—no accessions. It is a cause of sorrow to our hearts. However, at the last communion two or three had expected to unite on confession of their faith, but were prevented by illness. The year has been one of faithful sowing, especially in the Sabbath-school. The teachers have been diligent and faithful. The school has

done more for benevolences than in previous years. The C. E. Society is doing its work. The Ladies' Missionary Society and the "Steady Gleaners" have helped to increase benevolent offerings.

Second Freehold.—"During the absence of the pastor for nearly half of the last year, on account of illness, the pulpit was ably supplied and all departments of church work were creditably maintained. Additions to membership have exceeded losses, but there are too many whose connection with the church is merely nominal. To better the increase upon profession of faith, is our task for the year to come."

Keyport.—This church has been called to part with its pastor during the year. For nearly six months the church building was closed while undergoing repairs. As a result, benevolences were neglected.

Long Branch.—"We review the year with mingled feelings of thankfulness, humiliation, anxiety and hope. Additions to the church have been small. The Sunday-school has increased by the addition of a Home Department. Benevolences have fallen off. Death and removal have made serious inroads, especially on financial revenues. Plans are formulating for rebuilding the church edifice during the coming season."

Colts Neck.—The pastor of this church, after ten years of faithful work, has resigned to take up work in another field. The statistical report shows that the year has been of average prosperity.

Highlands.—"Services have been held regularly. The prayer meeting has been sustained faithfully. A sewing-class of forty girls has been formed and they have done good work. The fact that the Board does not see its way clear to further aid this field has discouraged pastor and people, and the pastor would advise Classis to appoint a committee to dispose of the work."

Asbury Park.—"The Lord has blessed the faithful preaching of His word; and we have rejoiced to welcome ten new members into our church fellowship—five of whom were from our Sunday-school. Early in June we expect to have our pastor-elect (the Rev. Willard Conger) installed, and pastoral oversight re-established.

The following Ecclesiastical Changes have occurred during the year:

The Rev. Abram I. Martine was received from the Presbytery of Elizabeth, on May 3, 1900, and was installed as pastor of the First Freehold church on the same date.

The pastoral connection existing between the Rev. E. W. Green and the church of Keyport was dissolved on Dec. 1, 1900.

The pastoral connection existing between the Rev. S. R. Cunningham and the church of Colts Neck was dissolved on March 5, 1901.

The pastoral connection existing between the Rev. A. A. Zabriskie and the church of Highlands was dissolved on April 9th, 1901.

The Rev. S. R. Cunningham was dismissed to the Classis of Passaic, on March 5, 1901.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

BERGEN B. STAATS,
Chairman of Committee.

CLASSIS OF NEWARK.

On the State of Religion in the Classis of Newark, your Committee submits the following :

The Statistical Reports with remarks coming into our hands from the churches, indicate that Jesus Christ, the Great Head, ever mindful of his church, crowns with success the labors of His faithful ministry. Nearly all the churches show accessions and increase in the amounts contributed to benevolent work. A survey of all departments of church work, as shown by reports, affords every reason for gratitude to God for the share of temporal and spiritual blessings visited upon our congregations.

Irvington.—A progressive year in spiritual and temporal things ; accessions number more than any year since 1865 ; contributions to benevolent work of Boards largest on record ; and a long-standing mortgage of $2,000 paid off.

New York Avenue, Newark.—A year of delightful services and generous giving. We face the problem of a great work with small resources, but God's blessing has been manifested in all branches of church work.

Brookdale.—This church finds delightful satisfaction in improvements and decorations at a cost of $1,700. The Sunday-school, Y. P. S. C. E. and members of the church cheerfully responded to all calls for this purpose. A $700 vocalion was donated by a gentleman visiting the neighborhood for the summer. The moving spirit of God surely prompted the good work.

Franklin.—The Sunday-school shows activity in all good work. Contributions for Board maintained ; all bills met and balance in the treasury.

German, Plainfield.—States that some prominent German citizens are about to unite with the church.

Linden.—Finds much for encouragement, especially with the interest taken by the young people in the Sunday-school.

First, Orange.—With gratitude to God reports an increase all along the line. On the 18th of April last this church celebrated their 25th Anniversary, marked by a special service in which prominent ministers of all neighboring denominations participated.

Christ, Newark.—Shows large accessions and marked improvement under the new pastor.

Clinton Avenue, Newark.—Is grateful for another year of God's goodness. One hundred and twenty-six were added to the communion of the church; gifts to benevolent objects have exceeded any year during the past decade, but the signal cause for rejoicing is the marked spiritual development in the lives of the individual members of this church.

First Church, Newark.—Statistical report; no remarks.

Trinity, Plainfield.—Shows growth and advancement in all departments of work with increase in benevolence. The Marconnier Chapel has made favorable progress during the year. Its Sunday-school numbers 107, and contributed to the Foreign and Domestic Boards $36.00.

First German, West Newark.—Spiritual conditions are all favorable; peace and harmony prevail; services all sustained and well attended.

Belleville.—No Remarks.

The North Church, with a new pastor, shows a fine ingathering and large contributions for the Board.

Trinity, Newark.—Forges slowly ahead. The new Chapel and Sunday-school room, so much needed and so earnestly prayed for, is now complete. The noble Christian men and women who made the enterprise possible by their generous giving, have our gratitude. The total cost of building with the furniture, was $9,756.04.

In making this report, it has been called to our attention that this Classis of Newark was organized on the 27th day of June, 1871, with ten churches and fourteen ministers, out of the South Classis of Bergen, by the Particular Synod of New Brunswick. So, with a history of thirty years it faces the issues of the twentieth century. In these years, seven churches have been added—five by organization, two by transfer, one it was considered advisable to disband, leaving sixteen fully organized churches on the roll. Fifty-eight ministers have been received, forty dismissed, eleven transferred to the "Church Triumphant." Fifteen students have been licensed to preach the gospel, ten ordained and set over churches. We are glad to state that there is not to-day a vacant church in the bounds of the Classis. A comparison will show that in numerical strength, benevolent contributions and aggressive Christian work, this Classis has come to hold a high place in the denomination.

In calling attention to these facts, we rejoice that we can crowd for-

ward all the enterprises of our beloved church with the opening century, fully assured that the kingdoms of this earth are to come under the dominion and rule of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

J. N. MORRIS,
J. S. ALLEN,
J. C. GARRETSON.

CLASSIS OF NEW BRUNSWICK.

The Committee on the State of Religion of the Classis of New Brunswick, respectfully submits the following report :

Although the year shows no marked change in the spiritual condition of the churches, still there is evidence of a steady, strong, spiritual current.

The work among the young people, and by them and the Ladies' Societies, is a feature prominently brought out in many of the reports.

The work of the Sabbath-school appears to be increasing in volume and systematic efficiency.

The Classis and the church at East Millstone, especially, have met with a great loss in the death of the Rev. A. Paige Peeke, who last year presented this report.

The Rev. E. T. Corwin, D.D., having presented his letter of dismission from the Classis of Hudson, was duly received.

The Rev. C. H. Polhemus was dismissed to the Classis of Ulster.

The following members of the graduating class from the Seminary, after passing the regular examinations and signing the formula, were duly licensed, viz. : Messrs. Floris Ferwerda, Francis A. Seibert and Andrew Judson Walter.

The First Church at New Brunswick.—A year of quiet prosperity is reported. A great deal has been done to maintain a Primary Teacher's Union and a teacher's class for study. The latter has been conducted by the Professors of the College and Seminary. Much study has been given to missions, and a large number of addresses heard. In consequence thereof a more liberal spirit of benevolence has been developed. Deaths and removals have greatly depressed the roll of membership. A marked development of the church has been its sacred music. Attention is also called to the increase of pew rentals and interest toward the Throop avenue mission.

Six Mile Run.—Public services have been well attended. The five Sabbath-schools and Christian Endeavor Society are doing good work. The Missionary Societies have not lost in their influence upon the benevolence of the church. The resignation of the pastor because of

the health of his family deprives this church of one who has labored lovingly and faithfully for its advancement.

Hillsborough.—Closes the year with thanksgiving. Success has crowned the year's labors. Abundant evidence has been given that the people are growing in grace. Hearts have been made glad by the prosperity which God has given.

Middlebush.—The year has been marked more by seed sowing than ingathering. Death and removal have decreased the membership. Yet a year of progress in all departments is reported.

Griggstown.—A desirable and commendable interest has been shown by the community in religious matters and benevolent causes during the year. The Sabbath-school and Christian Endeavor work have been carried on with fidelity. There has been new impulse and marked growth. Missionary instruction has awakened a gratifying interest in Missions, with resultant increase in contributions toward that object. The co-operation of the Ladies' Societies is marked.

Second Reformed Church of New Brunswick.—The statistics show a prosperous year. Additions on confession are unusually large and most of these are from the Sabbath-school. Nearly all the items show slight advance. A legacy of $3,000, which can not appear on the receipts, has stimulated the congregation to attempt the extinction of the debt by a "sinking fund." A normal class has been begun in connection with the Sabbath-school.

Bound Brook.—The church is in a good financial and spiritual condition. There has been steady progress toward strength. The present pastorate of five years, just completed, is one of the longest in the history of the church. There is increasing interest in the worship of the sanctuary. The church is rising higher and higher in the respect and esteem of the community.

East Millstone.—The church has met with a heavy loss the past year in the death of its beloved pastor. We are also called to record the death of an ex-elder. Notwithstanding all this no regular service has been omitted during the year. The attendance has been gratifying. The Missionary, Christian Endeavor Societies and the Sabbath-school have all been faithfully conducted.

Metuchen.—The year has been one of great blessing. The benevolent contributions are in advance of last year. Congregational finances are in an excellent condition. Electric lights have been placed in the church, and a partial equipment for steam heating. A new Sabbath-school building is approaching completion. The building has cost $2,927.36, of which amount $2,458.85 has been paid, and the balance

will be soon forthcoming. The young people's societies are well attended and a deep spiritual interest is manifest.

Suydam St., New Brunswick.—The year closes with expenses all paid and a good balance in the treasurer's hands. This has been accomplished by the energetic labor of all. The school room is to be decorated and thus complete the work of beautifying the church. The benevolent contributions are not as large as last year. The increase of membership on confession is the result of no extra effort, but is largely due to thorough systematic work of the Consistory, officers and teachers of the Sabbath-school and the different societies. The Sabbath-school has been thoroughly reorganized. We have a normal class, Bible classes for men and women, and the main school is systematically divided into departments, each with its own superintendent.

Highland Park.—The attendance at the regular services continues to grow in number. The increase in membership, though small, shows progress considering the size of the community and its character. The growth of the Sabbath school is marked. This is largely due to the additions to the primary and home departments. The increase in the benevolences of the church, despite the limited membership and the increase of congregational contributions are an excellent indication of true growth. The loyalty of the young people and the increased willingness of the young men to take up the work of the church and Sabbath-school is a feature which should be noted.

Spotswood.—The year has been one of full average interest. Death and removals have diminished the membership. There is a deepening of the Christian life. The contributions have been nearly doubled during the year. The ladies have helped re-cushion the church, and all expenses are paid.

Third, New Brunswick.—The evening preaching service and the Tuesday evening young peoples's meetings seem to be developing much interest, and it is hoped thereby to establish an English-speaking church.

ALEX. S. VAN DYCK, *Chairman*,
J. L. SOUTHARD,
WM. H. AYRES.

CLASSIS OF PARAMUS.

Report of Committee on the State of Religion of the Classis of Paramus, April 16, 1901, which is respectfully submitted by the chairman, Mathew N. Oliver :

The Consistorial reports of twenty-five churches have been examined by the Chairman of your Committee. Twenty-one of these reached him before leaving his home to attend this meeting of Classis, while four have been received since his arrival. May we not be permitted to fondly indulge the sanguine hope that this strong evidence of consistorial alacrity will at least be maintained in this second century of her existence, upon which the Classis has been permitted so auspiciously to enter.

In the aggregate, the reports from the churches does not differ essentially from former reports. Now, as previously, churches experience the spiritual phenomena that have ever marked the history of our denomination; at times a quickening, while there is only the normal condition at other times. While our hearts thrill at the announcement of deserved success of our dear brethren, yet the faithful and praying pastor should not write bitter things against himself because his labors are not blessed with equal success at all times. What we may count as failures may really be the seed time of an abundant harvest. While we may painfully sow, others may gloriously reap. The struggle, and the agony, and the unostentatious showing, may actually be "the holding of the fort 'till Jesus comes," and the faithful man of God bringing only a few sheaves or, perchance, a few headless straws by his silent, persistent and consistent work, may receive, if not human applause, at least angelic acclaim among the eternities.

In the reports from the churches all the statistical columns are well filled, with one exception. That exception is the column marked "Total of baptized non-communicants." Here there is a marked deficiency. Somehow we brethren in the ministry do not seem to relish this column. Have we ever analyzed the cause and asked the reason of this?

Your chairman, who is this year among the delinquents, feels that this neglected and abandoned column brings against him an indictment by no means agreeable. It presents to him a standard by which he can at least partially measure his pastoral fidelity. Possibly the defection may be more prevalent than we would like to believe. We trust, however, that he may be the only instance of pastoral neglect. With this exception the reports of the churches come to us freighted with cheer.

We will permit the churches to speak for themselves in the following extracts from their Consistorial Reports:

Aquackanonck.—Nothing has disturbed the harmony of the church. Interest manifested by the people in all the sessions of the sanctuary. Evidence of the Spirit's presence has not been wanting. Our new

house of worship is in course of erection. The Sunday-school observed in June, the diamond anniversary of its organization.

Centerville.—The hopeful features are the esteem shown by the people in church affairs; the spiritual manner in which the Sabbath-school is conducted; the activity of our young professors in Christian Endeavor and other lines of church work.

Garfield.—Sends no comments with its statistics.

Hawthorne.—Pulpit has been supplied every Sunday since last November; paid our supplies on time without any aid from Classis. By the consent of Classis we have been holding two services on Sunday, with good results. The people are united on two services. This condition stimulates their church attendance and their contributions. The Consistory earnestly and prayerfully requests Classis to regard favorably the earnest desire of the people in this respect.

Lodi, First Holland.—

Nyack.—We have been blessed in temporal things, having received a legacy of $15,000 from Mrs. Garret VanNostrand, and the congregation has given about $5,000 for a new chapel, which was completed and dedicated last December, free of debt, having cost $10,064.

Paramus.—A general visitation of the congregation has been made by the pastor, accompanied by an elder. Good results have been realized. The Ladies' Aid is aggressive and useful. The missionary associations are doing their work as well as possible, and the Sabbath-school is prosperous. But we deplore the lack of spiritual fervor, and the resistance of many to the calls of the Gospel is greatly deplored by the people of God.

Pascack.—We feel that God has blessed the preaching of his word to the edification of his people and in the conversion of souls. Church services have been well attended. The Sunday-school and societies connected with the church have done good work. The financial condition is excellent.

Passaic, 1st Holland, accompanies its statistics with no remarks.

Paterson, Broadway.—The year has been successful. All services are largely attended. The Sunday-school is growing, and there has been decided evidence in the conversion of souls. The pastor was laid aside ten weeks by a serious railway collision, when the members of his flock earnestly did the work he could not do.

Paterson, 1st Holland.—The congregation is gaining in strength, and there is a more profound confession and earnest devotion among the members.

Paterson, Second.—For the first time during the present pastorate,

the losses by death and dismission, have exceeded the gain in the number of communicants. The outlook, however, is encouraging.

Piermont.—Necessary repairs have been made to the church and parsonage. The church services are fairly well attended, and interest in all departments is general. The church looks forward with hopefulness to the coming year. A new pastorate was begun with October last.

Ramapo.—Merely remarks that a revised list of the number of families has been made by the Consistory.

Ridgewood.—We dedicated our enlarged and beautiful building on Easter Sunday. The church is harmonious and has contributed liberally to congregational and denominational objects. The growth of the congregation has been uninterrupted and healthy.

Saddle River.—The past year has been one of steady growth and quiet advancement. The spiritual condition of the church is good, the financial condition is all that could be desired.

Spring Valley.—We have no changes in our spiritual state to report. We are endeavoring to move on under the guidance of the Holy Spirit and His word. We continue to look for His blessing upon the appointed means of salvation.

Tappan.—During the past year there has been organized a Home Department of the Sunday-school, with a membership of 120.

Warwick.—The internal relations of the church have been most harmonious; its various organizations are well manned and all in good condition. During the year the Ladies' Missionary Society celebrated the 20th anniversary of their organization.

West New Hempstead.—Membership, old and young, generally interested and many active in church work; yet we could all do more and most of us much more. The church services are well attended.

Wortendyke, Holland.—Fourteen new members were received on confession of faith; many others have been quickened. Materially the church has had to struggle. The members are generally hopeful and courageous.

North Reformed, Passaic.—The year has been marked by the removal of debt. This now prepares the church for more active and aggressive spiritual work. Harmony and energy prevail with earnest prayer for richer blessings in the coming year.

Clarkstown.—Peace has prevailed. A deeper and more earnest spiritual life has been evidenced. Death has removed several of our most prominent and earnest members. Our financial outlook is brighter than one year ago.

Clifton.—A revival of interest. Beginning with March 1st the Con-

sistory voluntarily raised the salary of the pastor. The membership of the Endeavor Society has increased 50 per cent. in the last four months. A number of young people have publicly professed faith in Christ.

MATHEW N. OLIVER,
Chairman.

Ministerial Changes.—April 30, 1900, the pastoral relation existing between the Rev. Edward S. Ralston and the church of Piermont was dissolved, and Mr. Ralston dismissed to the Classis of New York.

May 18, Mr. Clifford P. Case was licensed to preach the Gospel, and dismissed to the Classis of New York.

July 11, the pastoral relation existing between the Rev. A. A. King and the church of Ramapo, N. J. was dissolved, and Mr. King declared *emeritus*. At the same meeting the license of Mr. Hans H. Spoer was revoked.

September 19, the Rev. D. Cornelius Ruigh was received from the Classis of Dakota and installed pastor of the church at Wortendyke; and the Rev. Henry C. VanHaagen was dismissed to the Classis of Kingston.

October 16, the Rev. Howard C. Hasbrouck was received from the Classis of Raritan, and November 12 was installed pastor of the church of Piermont; the pastoral relation existing between the Rev. William Johnston and the churches of Hawthorne and North Paterson was dissolved, and January 29, 1901, Mr. Johnston was dismissed to the Classis of Raritan.

December 11, the Rev. John S. Ellsworth was received from the North River Presbytery, and January 4, 1901, he was installed pastor of the church of Clifton.

January 29, 1901, the licentiate, Louis Van den Burg, was received from the Classis of Iowa, ordained and installed pastor of the church of Ramapo, Mahwah, N. J.

April 17, 1901, the pastoral relation existing between the Rev. Anson DuBois, D.D., and the church of Centerville, Athenia, N. J., was dissolved, and Dr. DuBois was declared *emeritus* and dismissed to the Classis of Greene.

THEO. W. WELLES,
Stated Clerk.

CLASSIS OF PASSAIC.

Your Committee on the State of Religion in the Classis respectfully submits the following report:

In the very nature of the case we can report only a few facts and figures.

"Prayer" we are told "is the burden of a sigh,
The falling of a tear,
The upward glancing of an eye,
When none but God is near."

Such spiritual influences preparing the saint for his everlasting rest and his growth in grace during the past year refuse to be tabulated. The last Great Day will reveal them and then it may easily be that the things not reported here will be found to be greater and of far more importance than those reported.

The written reports, however, indicate progress. There is an increase in the number of families reported, also an increase in the financial columns.

Boonton reports: "The year passed in about the usual way. We have enjoyed another year of harmony and peace. Our Sabbath-school is in an improved condition. The interior of the church building has been much improved in appearance and comfort. We need more of the spirit of prayer and an increase of spirituality and devout consecration to the work of Him who loved us and gave himself for us."

Fairfield has had a year of quiet work. Services are well attended and people are very much interested in the work of the church. Are looking forward to making many improvements on church building.

Little Falls, First, "is deeply sensible of God's goodness during the year. The regular work has been nobly sustained; peace and harmony prevail; the Sunday-school has increased in power and efficiency. The Christian Endeavor Societies are in a flourishing condition and largely attended. A thousand dollar mortgage has been paid. Though we cannot mention a special work of grace, still we believe that He has drawn many and we look forward to an ingathering of souls."

Little Falls, Second, expresses "gratitude to God for the unnumbered blessings received during the year, and thankfulness to Classis for supplies granted. The regular work of the church has been well sustained. We have enjoyed peace and prosperity. Although disappointed in not receiving a favorable response to calls offered to ministers of their choice, yet they are able to say, in the midst of all the darkness our faith looks up to Him who has said 'I will never leave thee nor forsake thee.'"

Montville reports services held as usual. Deplores "want of interest and zeal and is earnestly praying that God will graciously revive

us. Sometimes cast down, we are not dismayed. With a strong and abiding faith in God and a firm reliance on His promises, we begin the first year of the new century expecting great things, even showers of blessings. A chapel, so much needed for social as well as religious purposes, is to be erected in the near future."

People's Park has great "reason to be thankful, having been able to meet all our obligations. The one and only thing needed and for which we are earnestly praying, is for more visible spiritual blessings."

Pompton.—"Has nothing of an unusual character to report. The work has gone on steadily during the year. An increase of offerings for benevolence; a decrease for congregational purposes as repairs on the church called for more money last year. The organizations of the church are in good working condition. As being especially fruitful in good works we may mention the Woman's Missionary Society. And also bear testimony to the value of the Home Department of the Sabbath-school."

Pompton Plains has had a "profitable year in every way. A spirit of harmony and earnestness pervades all departments of work. An encumbrance on the parsonage has been removed and the new century is begun practically free from debt. But that which gives us the greatest joy is the goodly number of substantial accessions to our membership—the largest number reported during the last fifteen years, without exception. Unto God we give the praise."

Ponds.—Sends no report.

Preakness tells us this year "ends the first one hundred years of her existence. When organized a much larger territory was covered. Not as many families nor as large a membership as a few years ago. There is an increase in benevolence. An especially great loss has just been sustained in the death of a beloved elder. The work in one of the Sunday-schools is very encouraging."

Riverside has had a "year of continuous effort to raise sufficient funds to complete church edifice. Moved into lecture room first of September for worship and Sunday-school; the attendance upon these services is increasing. The usual means of grace has been continued without interruption. The people had a mind to work to raise the necessary funds to complete the house of worship. The Sunday-school and the C. E. Societies have done noble work. But to the Ladies' Aid and Missionary Society we must award the highest praise. Notwithstanding the strenuous efforts to raise money to build the church, offerings to the Boards of the church have increased. We are praying for an outpouring of God's spirit and trust that his people will give them-

selves as earnestly to soul winning as they have to the raising of funds to the building of His house."

Sixth, Holland.—Sends only the statistical report This report shows an increase of 15 families and an increase of nearly $300 in benevolence.

First Totowa, reports that "the year has been one of notable changes- By death and removals the official staff and representative households have been depleted, and yet the work goes on. There has been an increase in contributions, in accessions to the church and in money raised. The year closed with bills paid and seventeen hundred dollars of mortgage indebtedness cancelled. With gratitude we acknowledge the Lord is our helper and confidently affirm 'In Him we trust.'"

Union Reformed, "thankfully acknowledges the blessings of the past year. We have enjoyed peace and harmony and the regular services have been well attended. Christ has fulfilled His promise, 'Lo I am with you alway.'"

Wanaque has been supplied during the past year by a student from New Brunswick and Rev. H. M. Cox. "The people are hoping to settle a pastor in the near future. They are hopeful and feel that the rapidly growing community promises a good field for work."

Wyckoff, "holds so much to the 'even tenor of its way' that the story from year to year is pretty much the same." "We have reason to thank the Lord for many favors bestowed upon us. We are conscious of our shortcomings. We hope for better things and we try earnestly for better things."

Ecclesiastical Changes.—Oct. 2, 1900, the pastoral relation between the Rev. J. W. Foster and the Reformed church of Ponds was dissolved and the brother dismissed to the Classis of Rennsselaer. On the same day Rev. G. A. Luckenbill was hurled to his death by a railroad train on the Erie R. R., at Ferndale, N. J.

April 16, 1901, Rev. S. R. Cunningham, pastor elect of the Ponds church was received on certificate from the Classis of Monmouth and arrangements made for his installation.

A. MATTICE,
Chairman.

CLASSIS OF PHILADELPHIA.

Your Committee on the State of Religion would respectfully report as follows:

By a comparison of this year's reports with those of last year, it will be found that the work during the year has gone steadily on. While there is an increase of twelve in the number of families there is

an apparent decrease in the total number of communicants, due to removals. The following shows the condition of the several churches from reports that have been received :

North and South Hampton.—Sends its revised list. Its contributions to denominational objects shows the faithful work of pastor and people.

Harlingen.—Speaks of discouragements, but also of blessings. The sowing of the year just closed and that of previous years has resulted in fruitage. During the year every family has been visited and the attention of the indifferent directed to spiritual things. There have been 35 additions to the church this year.

Neshanic.—Reports regular services with good attendance ; and that the ladies support an auxiliary society to the ladies' missionary work of the church, contributing to domestic and foreign missions.

First, Philadelphia.—Says the work has been steadily carried forward in anticipation of greater things in the future.

Second, Philadelphia.—Although the year has not been marked by any prominent features the harmony of the church is perfect and there is a hopeful spirit prevailing and cheerful co-operation in all departments of the work.

Fourth, Philadelphia.—Reports simply holding its own, due to the attendance upon building operations.

Blawenburgh.—Reports a continuance of spiritual and material success. Thirteen have been added to the roll of the church and a new financial system bids fair to put the church upon a more firm material basis.

Stanton.—Gives the glory to God for the result of a special effort during the week of prayer, when several were gathered into the fold.

Clover Hill.—Mentions a marked spirit of religious interest during the Winter. There has been a persistent effort to cancel the Church debt and the money now is nearly all pledged.

Rocky Hill.—Reports sixty in communion last year and eighty this year, showing that the work has been going steadily on.

Fifth, Philadelphia.—Has given more for benevolent objects this year than ever before, while the home duties have not been neglected.

Three Bridges.—Speaks of this year, as in some respects, a memorable one. A steam heating plant has been installed in the Church, and general repairs were effected, amounting to $1,400.

Talmage Memorial.—Rejoices in the continuance of God's presence and favor. During the year there has been a marked awakening of interest in things spiritual on the part of the whole congregation. All

services have been unusually well maintained and in the Sabbath-school a goodly harvest of souls has been gathered for the Lord's garner.

South Philadelphia.—Reports that the gospel has been preached and faithful work done.

Kampen.—Reports that the Sunday-school and Young People's Society are in a flourishing condition and that the catechetical instruction of the youth by Rev. R. H. Joldersma impresses the hearts of the people.

Wilhelmina.—This church was organized May 7, 1900. The means of grace are appreciated and the services of the Rev. R. H. Joldersma are greatly valued.

Bethany, Philadelphia.—This church was organized on March 29th, 1901. It is principally composed of young people who are working with much energy and enthusiasm.

Grace Church.—This church of twenty families and a membership of thirty-five, located at Orangeburg, South Carolina, and under the care of Rev. W. L. Johnson, has just been received into the membership of Classis and its name added to the classical roll.

Ecclesiastical Changes.—On June 22, 1900, Peter Bruce, a licentiate of the Classis of New York was received by certificate from said Classis and ordained and installed as pastor of the Reformed church of Clover Hill, N. J.

On April 9, 1901, the pastoral relation between the Rev. Isaac L. Kip and the South Philadelphia Reformed Church was dissolved to take effect May 1st, and on that date he was dismissed to the Philadelphia Presbytery.

P. J. KAIN,
Chairman of Com. on State of Religion.

CLASSIS OF RARITAN.

The Committee on Classical Reports would report as follows:

Consistorial reports have been forwarded to your Committee from the various churches of the Classis.

First Raritan.—Sends only a statistical report. This, however, shows that this venerable mother church has enjoyed a year of steady growth and progress, with nothing of a special nature to record.

Readington.—Reports an increase in the number of families and in attendance at the Church services. They are also permitted to record a smaller number of deaths than for some years. At the same time

they regret a diminished interest in prayer-meeting, Sunday-school, and other spiritual work, and a decreased addition to membership.

Bedminster.—Reports a year of quiet activity and advancement. The financial, spiritual and general condition of this church is up to the usual standard. Charitable offerings have been liberal. The year has been marked by the removal of valued members, who have been taken away in the prime and usefulness of their life. The admonition to the living is that of renewed devotedness to the cause of the Master.

Lebanon.—Speaks of spiritual indifference pervading the people. Sickness and death have interfered greatly with church and prayer-meeting attendance. The prayer of the church is for the quickening of the Holy Ghost.

Rockaway.—Has experienced a change of pastors during the year. Rev. F. P. Lyman-Wheaton has been succeeded by Rev. H. T. Jones. Work has been continued on the new church. Discouraging circumstances have marked the year, yet a fair measure of prosperity has been enjoyed.

North Branch.—Reports much for which to be thankful and yet much to be desired. Financial well being marks them. They have contributed $40 more for benevolent purposes, and $165.28 more for congregational outlay than the year previous.

Second Raritan.—Reports the payment of $4,000, the remainder of debt incurred in building their new edifice. Many repairs and improvements have been made, all of which have been paid for. At the same time there has been an increase in benevolent contributions and in Sunday-school attendance and interest. The church membership has witnessed its usual growth. Death has been very active and has taken no less than nineteen communicants from the earthly roll ; a larger number than during any year of the present pastorate. The large benevolent offerings of this church give it a conspicuous place in our list of churches, as they contribute for some denominational objects nearly if not quite as much as all the other churches of the Classis combined. In point of spiritual and numerical position and force we recognize this to be our banner church.

South Branch.—Makes mention of the celebration of their 50th anniversary, which was an occasion of much joy and renewed interest. New and comfortable furniture has been placed in the church and the interior of their edifice has been renovated. In this church also an increase of benevolence is noted, while a spirit of loyalty to the cause of Christ pervades the people.

Third, Raritan.—Reports the erection of a new chapel in the rear of their church which has been long desired by them. They express re-

gret at the fewness of members added to their roll and also the unusual largeness of dismissions, owing to the removal of several families from their town.

Pottersville.—Sends statistical report without any comments. These figures, however, show this church to be in its usual condition of quiet prosperity.

High Bridge.—Makes reference to an unusual experience of prosperity and blessing. Church attendance has been larger than ever before in its history. Spiritual vitality marks the people. A new pipe organ has been secured and the interior of the church improved.

Annandale.—Regards the year as one of spiritual prosperity and blessing. Special mention is made of the prayer-meetings which have been exceptionally well attended.

Fourth Raritan.—Speaks of the peace and the harmony and true religious interest, that have been experienced during the year. The Lord's blessing has been enjoyed.

Peapack.—Reports a change of pastors during the year. Rev. H. C. Hasbrouck has been succeeded by Rev. Wm. Johnston. The work moves along very pleasantly. Seventeen new members were welcomed into the church on the first Sabbath of the present month. A renewed interest manifests itself in church and prayer-meeting attendance. The various societies of the church are doing a good work. A Junior C. E. Society has been organized under favorable circumstances. The decreased denominational offerings are explained by the existence of a slight church debt. Nevertheless, this decrease is expected to be only temporary.

From this general synopsis of Consistorial reports we recognize the fact that the churches of our Classis have witnessed a year of ordinary ecclesiastical life, labor and results. The summary of Classical statistics is as follows: No. churches 14; No. families 1,813; received on confession 61; received on certificate 91; dismissed 93; died 73; suspended 4; present membership 3,463; baptized non-communicants 224; infants baptised 69; adults 15; catechumens 552; No. Sunday-schools 23; total enrollment in Sunday-schools 2,993; contributions for denominational objects $5,377.71; other objects $1,069.19; congregational $36,383.85.

A comparison of this year's Classical statistics with those of last year brings to view the following suggestive items: There are 19 families more than were reported last year. The number of accessions by confession is 47 less than during the year previous, while the number added by certificate is 9 more. The aggregate loss this year by dismission death and suspension exceeds the aggregate gain by confession a

certificate by 18. Hence the Classical enrollment is reduced to that extent. Infant baptisms are 12 less than reported for the previous year. There are two less Sunday-schools, and 30 less in the total enrollment. The amount raised for congregational outlay was $2,949.80 more than the year previous. For denominational objects $304.49 less and for outside purposes $210.53 more. With all these figures and facts before us, we may well, as a Classis, thoughtfully inquire whether we as churches and individuals, are sufficiently devoted to the great interests intrusted to our care.

Respectfully submitted,

T. WALKER JONES,
ISAAC SPERLING,
PHILIP. CASE,
Committee.

STATISTICAL TABLES.

CLASSIS OF BERGEN.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census. Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS. Rec'd. On Confession.	On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	BAP. Infants	Adults.	No. of Baptized Non-Communicants.	C. C. & S. S. Catechumens.	Number of Sabbath-Schools.	Total Enrollment.	CONTRIBUTIONS. Benevolent. Denominational Objects.	Other Objects.	Congregational.	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
First, Hackensack	Herman Vanderwart	208	9	5	*20	...	3	506	10	5	.....	150	1	350	$1,200 00	$380 00	$6,950 00	Hackensack, N. J.
Schraalenburg	George H. Cotton	110	6	5	6	...	3	179	6	...	.	...	1	181	252 52	226 41	2,292 03	Dumont, "
English Neighborhood	Marcus J. Roop	60	.....	.....	.....	...	1	67	4	...	25	30	1	85	43 26	....	1,403 40	Ridgefield, "
New Durham	{ I. W. Gowen / C. Dawson, Ass't }	305	51	26	11	...	5	655	61	10	512	.....	6	2,275	1,199 00	75 00	6,409 00	Weehawken, "
First, Hoboken	Conrad Bluhm	115	28	7	2	...	2	176	4	4	.....	75	1	200	30 99	82 09	1,931 16	520 Hudson st, Hoboken.
North Bergen	John Justin	75	8	.....	1	...	7	92	19	...	.....	21	1	480	287 00	52 00	2,603 00	Weehawken, N. J.
Second, Hackensack	Arthur Johnson	215	21	15	7	...	4	446	9	5	.....	.....	2	500	1,098 14	1,420 41	8,134 72	Hackensack, "
German Ev., Hoboken	John Rudolph, Ph.D.	245	40	.....	50	...	25	451	218	7	.....	260	2	700	119 76	840 00	6,000 00	606 Garden st., Hoboken.
Third, Hackensack	John Bombin	74	2	.....	1	...	2	74	36	...	.....	6	2	150	2 05	.....	900 00	Hackensack, N. J.
Closter	Henry Ward, (s. c.)	70	5	.....	5	...	...	129	1	...	53	90	1	149	164 94	35 64	1,290 00	Closter, "
Palisades	Floris Ferwerda	70	12	3	3	...	1	62	13	1	100	8	1	119	137 36	9 08	1,101 98	Coytesville, "
Guttenberg	Wm. Manchee, (s.s.)	36	12	.....	1	...	...	66	8	...	.....	150	1	321	66 99	20 55	1,221 36	Passaic, "
Central av., Jersey City	Charles S. Wright	130	12	11	10	...	2	247	17	5	.....	.....	1	474	175 87	108 00	3,645 00	89 Bowers st., Jers'y City.
Cherry Hill	Abram Duryee	65	16	8	7	...	1	116	3	8	.....	.....	1	150	148 60	48 49	1,424 95	Cherry Hill, N. J.
Secaucus	Vacant	20	...	.....	6	...	...	.....	.....	...	.....	.....	1	75	40 05	.....	.....	Secaucus, "
Spring Valley	Vacant	25	5	7	.....	...	...	32	1	3	.....	.....	1	49	16 85	11 53	258 94	Maywood, "
Westwood	D. M. Talmage	80	7	1	5	...	...	130	2	1	.....	.....	1	273	342 36	43 18	2,502 77	Westwood, "
Oradell	John T. E. DeWitt	60	3	1	9	...	...	76	5	1	43	100	1	154	221 06	53 63	1,899 12	Oradell, "
Hasbrouck Heights	Chas. I. Shepard	75	6	2	2	...	1	96	11	4	54	100	1	150	25 27	7 50	1,657 19	Hasbrouck Heights, "
Highwood	C. Morton Sciple	57	15	10	.....	...	.....	44	5	4	.....	.....	1	138	7 82	.....	637 30	Highwood, "
Rochelle Park	Vacant	16	14	13	.....	...	...	27	.....	5	.....	.....	1	67	.....	.....	185 36	Rochelle Park, "
Bogart, Memorial	Homer MacMillan	24	16	17	.....	...	...	33	1	4	1	.....	1	68	.....	.....	196 60	Bogota, "
	Total	2,155	288	131	146	...	57	3,704	434	67	788	990	30	7,108	$5,579 89	$3,413 51	$52,643 88	

Other Ministers.—J. H. Ballagh, Yokahama, Japan.

Candidates.—Robert W. Blake, Carl Krause.

* 14 to Rochelle Park and Bogota, new churches.

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Bergen	Cornelius Brett.	365	38	19	17	...	6	†701	19	14	200	400	3	811	$1,137 00	$ 1,131 00	$9,010 00	797 Bergen Av., Jersey City.
First, Bayonne	William H. Boocock.	354	13	12	19	1	7	†534	18	...	.	350	2	850	511 50	994 40	5,312 31	763 Ave. C, Bayonne, N. J.
Wayne Street	John Alex. Brown. *Paul D. VanCleef.	64	17	20	15	12	4	212	6	1	.....	.....	1	282	940 52	253 02	3,215 13	298 Varick st., Jersey City. 288 Barrow st., " "
Park, Jersey City	J. Francis Morgan	210	28	26	9	...	3	394	21	12	120	75	1	412	286 36	152 13	4,167 12	281 Pavonia Av., " "
Bergen Point	Vacant	375	10	.....	.....	...	1	†105	4	1	75	75	1	140	41 20	.....	2,800 00	....
Second, Hudson City	Emil A. Meury	243	11	2	1	...	23	550	128	3	576	345	1	640	473 97	281 00	3,358 88	14 Sherman Pl., " "
Lafayette	Tinis J. Kommers.	140	7	3	8	3	2	170	.....	2	50	175	1	376	418 24	58 52	4,620 02	239 Pacific Av., " "
Greenville	Vacant	45	2	.....	19	...	3	182	9	...	.....	.....	1	287	49 67	.....	2,322 68	....
Free, Jersey City	Henry C. Cussler.	102	16	6	2	...	2	†127	12	2	71	91	1	195	75 43	25 00	1,558 22	105 Grand St., Jersey City.
Third, Bayonne	Herbert L. Franzen.	67	16	.....	.....	...	2	131	11	...	20	12	1	120	25 00	10 50	859 50	36 W. 21st St., Bayonne, N. J.
First, Ger. Ev'gelical	Vacant	81	21	.....	19	...	3	256	37	1	38	127	1	211	19 00	.....	1,928 83	....
St. John's, Ger. "	Gottlieb Andreae.	100	24		5	...	15	229	74	...	100	110	2	360	32 05	300 00	2,000 00	48 Fairview Av., Jers'y City.
	Total	1,846	203	88	114	4	71	3,591	339	36	1,250	1,760	16	4,684	$4,009 94	$3,205 57	$40,852 69	

* Pastor Emeritus. † Revised list. ‡ 12 put on absent list.

§ Owing to absence of the Pastor and the destruction of the church edifice by fire. the consistory were unable to present a report this year. The figures given are from last year's report.

Other Ministers.—Jas. L. Amerman, Ass't Sec'y Board of Foreign Missions, 25 E. 22d St., N. Y. City.

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First, Freehold	A. I. Martine	80	1	7	8	...	6	*150	6	...	55	79	2	*99	$ 142 57	$ 62 27	$2,509 92	Marlboro, N. J.
Holmdel	G. Wyckoff, Ph.D	65	....	.....	8	...	1	121	6	...	30	40	1	90	349 00	28 00	1,600 00	Holmdel, "
Middletown	Peter K. Hageman	50	...	.....	.....	...	2	117	6	...	.....	50	1	90	184 38	67 75	1,393 76	Middletown, "
Second, Freehold	I P. Brokaw, D.D.	130	9	6	6	...	3	346	2	4	.....	175	1	294	730 00	71 00	2,951 00	Freehold, "
Keyport	Vacant	48	1	1	.....	...	...	105	3	1	.....	30	1	75	.....	.....	2,004 53	Keyport, "
Long Branch	Bergen B. Staats	82	2	2	2	...	4	141	10	...	71	.....	1	†225	56 70	11 82	1,392 13	Long Branch City, "
Colts Neck	O. VanBeverhoudt,	58	2	1	.....	...	...	102	.....	...	51	64	1	75	50 01	37 23	1,014 24	Colts Neck, "
Highlands	Vacant. [P. E.	25	....	.....	.....	...	1	24	2	...	.....	26	1	100	13 00	.....	.....	Highlands, "
Asbury Park	Willard Conger, P. E.	82	6	4	.....	...	1	131	.....	2	.....	60	1	87	123 74	22 00	1,540 93	Asbury Park, "
	Total	620	21	21	24	...	18	1,237	35	7	207	524	10	1,135	$1,649 40	$300 07	$ 14,406 51	

Other Ministers.—Elias Mead, Passaic, N. J.; James T. Schock, s. c., Keyport, N. J.; W. H. VanDoren, Griggstown, N. J.: A. A. Zabriskie, Highlands, N. J.

Candidate.—Floyd Decker.

* Revised list.

† Including Home Department.

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Belleville	Wm. W. Connor.	114	4	2	9	...	4	203	1	2	.....	.....	1	246	$ 338 80	$ 62 70	$2,871 68	Belleville, N. J.
First, Newark	T. J. Lee	150	27	22	7	...	2	303	4	7	.....	.....	2	505	410 00	1,040 00	3,200 00	692 High St., Newark, "
Irvington	*C. E. Wyckoff	102	20	7	9	...	4	187	7	11	.....	.....	1	245	203 30	70 25	2,707 80	Irvington, "
New York Avenue	J. S. Allen.	125	17	7	9	...	2	290	14	5	.....	.....	1	325	497 15	579 00	2,675 00	100 New York Av., Newark.
Franklin	William Stuart	85	.....	.....	.....	...	4	111	8	...	.....	133	1	133	186 51	19 61	1,275 79	Nutley, N. J.
North Newark	James I. Vance	451	72	38	10	...	5	896	16	19	350	1,285	3	1,285	7,099 67	324 60	10,134 97	Washington, "
West Newark	Carl Girtanner	85	24	.....	10	...	4	216	124	3	.....	43	2	310	23 00	20 00	1,241 07	Blum St., Newark, "
Clinton Avenue	Daniel H. Martin	500	103	23	24	...	15	955	17	20	.....	.....	2	850	8,602 00	350 00	14,017 98	19 Stratford Place, Newark
Trinity, Newark	J. N. Morris	155	21	2	1	...	1	201	9	1	107	.....	1	500	203 96	35 00	1,900 00	483 Ferry St., "
Linden	N. M. Sherwood, s.s.	23	.....	2	3	...	...	31	1	...	.....	.....	1	87	.....	.....	738 39	329 Communipaw Av. J City
Christ	H. M. Mellen.	110	37	35	4	...	...	284	7	14	7	.....	1	262	106 40	83 46	3,112 42	Delevan Av., Newark, N. J.
Stone House Plains	W. E. Bogardus	45	...	.....	2	...	1	102	3	...	.....	.....	1	99	172 90	41 02	2,673 47	Brookdale, "
Orange	George S. Bishop	255	13	12	9	...	6	515	9	4	.....	.....	1	301	1,430 41	656 68	3,671 58	20 Buruett St., E. Orange.
Trinity, Plainfield	Cornelius Schenck	255	24	19	13	...	11	544	14	10	.....	.....	2	617	1,063 64	629 35	6,497 08	Plainfield, N. J.
German, Plainfield	George Hauser	41	3	3	.....	...	3	79	12	1	5	1	1	45	25 00	15 00	1,200 00	Plainfield, "
Montclair Heights	Charles W. Gulick	37	4	11	.....	...	1	42	4	...	.....	.....	1	80	107 10	10 00	2,117 75	Upper Montclair, "
	Total	2,533	369	183	110	...	63	4,959	250	97	469	1,462	22	5,890	$20,469 84	$3,936 67	$60,034 98	

* Deceased since report was made.

Other Ministers.—Charles E. Hart, D.D., New Brunswick, N. J.; Oscar Gesner, Linden, N. J.; M. G Hausen, 113 William St., East Orange, N. J.; James C. Garretson, Rahway, N. J.; I V. W. Schenck, 207 Clifton Av., Newark, N. J.; James Jongeneel, 142 Mt. Prospect Avenue.

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First, New Brunswick.	P. Theo. Pockman...	250	7	7	15	2	17	641	15	2	.....	132	1	423	$1,614 49	$ 1,242 88	$4.887 87	219 Townsend St. N. Bruns'k
Six Mile Run.....	Vacant	110	3	5	9	...	8	254	5	1	.....	205	5	218	903 00	71 00	2,200 00	Franklin Park. N. J.
Hillsborough	Theo Shafer	145	3	10	7	...	5	300	3	...	100	50	7	250	366 46	63 99	1,679 92	Millstone, "
Middlebush	Jas. LeFevre	62	1	.....	1	...	8	110	5	1	.....	85	1	110	310 55	49 35	1,200 00	Middlebush, "
Griggstown	Jas. L. Southard.....	51	1	2	2	...	1	106	1	...	.....	50	2	83	150 09	44 00	680 00	Griggstown, "
Second, New Brunsw'k	M. H. Hutton, S. C...	147	14	1	8	...	6	376	14	1	90	196	2	281	1,470 77	879 00	5,148 00	26 Union St., N. Bruns'k.
Bound Brook.....	Chas. T. Anderson...	67	3	5	2	...	3	149	1	1	.....	188	1	273	85 00	18 58	1,552 99	South Bound Brook, N. J.
Third, New Brunsw'k.	Vacant.	.....	.....	.....	...	...	1	20	2	...	.....	.....	.....	..	33 80	.....	191 66	....
East Millstone.....	Vacant.	60	2	.....	1	...	3	125	.....	1	.....	35	1	60	93 38	7 61	1,247 42	East Millstone, N. J.
Metuchen	Ed. V. V. Searle.....	73	3	5	...	...	4	*176	6	1	.....	90	1	150	301 99	69 00	†4,023 15	Metuchen, "
Suydam st., N. Bruns'k	A. D. Campbell.....	60	14	2	5	..	3	251	8	4	.....	2 03	1	203	402 17	106 97	2,551 02	146 Livingston Av., N. B'k.
Highland Park.....	Alex. S. VanDyck....	42	2	1	1	...	1	82	2	...	.....	96	1	136	119 24	27 20	1,055 61	Highland Park, "
Spotswood.....	John O. Bayles.....	42	.....	2	5	...	1	*78	.....	...	.....	.....	1	66	59 56	26 00	846 55	Spotswood, N. J.
	Total	1,109	53	40	56	2	61	2,668	62	12	190	1,330	24	2,253	$5,894 73	$2,606 33	$27,264 19	

* Revised list. † $2,458.85 for Sunday-school building.

Other Ministers.—Jacob Cooper. New Brunswick, N. J.; W. H Steele, Newark, N. J.; E. S. Booth, Japan; E. Lord, Patchogue, N. Y.; H. D'B. Mulford, New Brunswick; John DeWitt, 25 East 22d St., N. Y. City; A. F. Todd, Dunellen, N. J.; John B. Thompson, 20 Wall St., Trenton, N. J.; E. T. Corwin, New Brunswick, N. J. Geo. M. S. Blauvelt.

Candidate.—A. G. Van Aken, Jamesburg, N. J.

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Acquackanonck	John Gaston, Em. / Ame Vennema	190	27	12	13	...	6	420	12	9	204	295	1	306	$1,686 93	$534 40	‡$8,775 33	Passaic, N. J.
Centerville	Vacant	20	.....	.....	2	...	...	43	3	...	.....	20	1	78	.....	.....	569 41	Athenia, "
Clarkstown	Garret N. Conover	80	7	3	11	...	4	*160	5	4	.....	.....	2	150	68 32	150 40	2,078 83	West Nyack, N. Y.
Clifton	J. L. Elsworth	*61	5	5	.....	...	1	93	2	5	.....	.....	1	257	29 78	15 00	1,661 00	Clifton, "
Garfield	W. G. Myles	40	3	2	7	...	2	61	3	...	.....	.....	1	125	10 00	7 00	782 76	Garfield, "
Glen Rock	Vacant	19	3	.....	1	...	...	26	4	3	.....	.....	1	48	11 31	.....	407 37	Ridgewood, "
Hawthorne	Vacant	35	4	4	3	...	...	46	.....	...	.....	6	1	88	.....	.....	611 00	.....
Lodi, First Holland	Tunis H. Hoonte	82	26	3	2	2	5	185	30	...	160	120	1	160	10 00	.....	1.000 00	Lodi, "
Lodi, Secoud	R. M. Offord, s. s.	45	.....	.....	.....	...	...	67	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	150	.....	.....	.....	Lodi, "
Nyack	Wm. J. Leggett	174	8	7	4	10	...	361	5	...	70	150	1	218	1,696 83	120 78	24.485 75	Nyack, N. Y.
Paramus	Wm. H. Vroom	105	1	.....	.....	...	3	181	7	...	.....	60	1	145	238 51	15 00	2,129 24	Ridgewood, "
Pascack	Edward Lodewick	100	8	6	5	...	3	141	5	2	.....	100	1	160	340 54	25 00	2,419 61	Park Ridge, "
Passaic, 1st Holland	Martin Flipse	250	15	9	2	1	4	440	49	...	.....	250	1	400	225 25	344 85	4,600 00	Passaic, "
Passaic, North	J. H. Whitehead	110	9	.....	2	...	2	315	9	2	.....	175	1	360	1,095 73	176 50	¶19,463 00	35 Hamilton ave., Passaic.
Paterson, Broadway	Elias W. Thompson	117	6	10	1	...	4	*227	18	1	... ...	60	1	275	697 01	169 98	†5 897 10	67 Auburn st., Paterson, "
" 1st Holland	Fred. G. Dekker	140	10	12	4	...	4	250	23	1	190	160	1	190	125 00	105 00	2,150 00	50 Clinton st., Paterson, "
" North	Vacant	25	.....	4	9	...	2	21	2	...	.....	.....	1	80	.....	.....	350 00	.....
" Second	Theo. W. Welles, s.c.	175	2	2	5	...	7	282	6	...	.....	100	1	420	.....	.....	.....	79 Hamilton ave., Paterson.
Piermont	H. C. Hasbrouck	*55	1	4	1	...	3	96	.....	1	.....	.....	1	90	98 33	.....	1,825 81	.....
Ramapo	L. Van den Burg	52	.....	..	3	...	1	110	1	...	?	.....	2	201	78 13	40 93	804 92	Mahwah, N. J.
Ramsays	Vacant	.....	.....	..	.....	...	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Ridgewood	J. A. VanNeste	125	4	19	5	...	5	264	8	1	175	75	1	232	811 76	158 84	8,002 77	Ridgewood, "
Saddle River	J. VanKampen	77	7	2	1	...	5	84	6	1	.....	25	1	105	48 96	106 00	1,404 46	Saddle River, "
Spring Valley	C. E. Crispell	80	.....	..	5	...	1	111	2	...	67	136	1	158	415 76	19 50	1,546 42	Spring Valley, N. Y.
Tappan	Matthew N. Oliver	42	2	..	5	...	4	91	5	1	...	30	1	90	105 32	30 00	868 00	Tappan, "
Warwick	Taber Knox	150	2	12	10	...	2	271	4	...	99	93	‡3	228	1,181 65	443 43	2,639 40	Warwick, "
West N. Hempstead	Henry W. Brink	47	1	6	2	...	4	93	.....	1	27	28	1	67	88 16	1 09	525 61	Spring Valley, "
Wortendyke Holl'd	D. Cornelius Ruigh	72	14	3	.....	...	5	143	17	...	195	94	1	110	35 63	29 28	1.014 20	Wortendyke, N. J.
	Total	2,468	165	130	103	15	77	4,582	226	32	1,187	1,977	31	4,891	$9,048 91	$2,492 98	$96.021 99	

* Revised list. † Including $1,258 paid on mortgage. ‡ Two are summer schools. ‖ Last year's report. ¶ Including removal of debt. ‡ Including $4,737.73 for new church building.

Other Ministers.—N. H. VanArsdale, *Christian Intelligencer*, 4 and 6 Warren St., New York; Cornelius R Blauvelt, Nyack, N. Y.; A. A. King, [illegible] N. J.; Thos. S. Dusinberre, Pine Plains, N. Y.; W. Lubach, Cedar Grove, Wis.

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Boonton	Alex. McKelvey.	68	.....	.....	5	...	2	87	7	...	.....	65	1	101	$ 195 28	$ 24 61	$1,832 46	Boonton, N. J.
Fairfield	Otto L. F. Mohn	50	4	.....	...	...	...	88	5	1	.....	.....	1	87	54 85	.....	940 56	Fairfield, Essex Co.,
Little Falls, First	Cornel's M. Steffens.	90	4	6	1	...	2	163	8	...	.....	.....	1	196	318 94	24 50	3,813 08	Little Falls,
Little Falls, Second	Vacant	35	...	1	4	...	...	39	6	...	.....	.....	1	70	56 50	.....	230 00	Little Falls,
Montville	Abraham Mattice	50	....	4	4	...	2	102	.....	...	.....	.....	1	80	72 38	32 32	827 59	Boonton,
People's Park, Pat'su	John Smit	125	11	4	4	5	...	230	20	...	190	150	1	270	40 82	141 19	1,661 77	Paterson,
Pompton	Ferdinand S. Wilson	127	9	8	6	...	4	217	7	8	.....	120	1	229	476 55	54 24	1,894 31	Riverdale, Morris Co.,
Pompton Plains	Jasper S. Hogan	152	22	10	4	...	4	285	9	7	.....	.....	4	425	537 64	49 27	2,333 96	Pompton Plains,
Ponds	S. R. Cunningham	†42	1	.....	3	...	5	63	.....	...	.....	32	1	65	25 80	2 75	585 71	Oakland, Bergen Co.,
Preakness	Geo. W. Labaw, s. c.	40	6	.....	...	...	2	92	9	4	.....	135	2	135	121 47	169 81	984 77	23 Banks st., Paterson,
Riverside, Paterson	John B. Church	130	2	3	...	...	...	150	4	...	.....	.....	1	485	169 65	48 50	‡7,710 31	37 East 15th st., "
Sixth, Holland, "	E. VanHetloo	465	20	9	...	2	9	880	82	...	.....	440	1	500	225 85	792 44	4,355 68	Paterson,
First, Totowa, "	Thos. Powell Vernol	150	10	10	1	...	6	*320	7	3	.....	277	1	377	438 21	146 08	5,679 18	Paterson,
Union Reform'd "	H. E. Nies	210	6	7	9	5	6	383	31	1	770	170	1	310	168 00	353 00	1,940 00	Paterson,
Wanaque	Ferdinand S. Wilson	37	1	1	...	...	...	39	.....	1	.....	.....	1	90	24 00	1 61	522 75	Riverdale, Morris Co.,
Wyckoff	A. Westveer	70	3	4	1	...	3	*137	4	...	83	67	1	67	118 51	13 00	1,409 31	Wyckoff, Bergen Co.,
	Total	1,841	99	67	42	12	45	3,275	199	25	1,043	1,456	20	3,487	$3,044 45	$1,853 32	$36,721 44	

* Revised list. † Last year's report. ‡ A new church is being built.

Other Ministers.—Louis J. Lockwood, Ghent, N. Y.; J. W. Conklin, 25 East 22d St., New York City.

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No. & So. Hampton..	Horace P. Craig	100	6	3	10	...	2	†190	2	1	....	281	4	326	$ 315 38	$ 10 03	$1,500 00	Churchville, Pa.
Harlingen	Francis M. Kip, s. c.	110	12	23	15	...	3	228	10	2	90	134	4	196	222 55	79 61	1,422 21	Harlingen, N. J.
Neshanic.....	John Hart.....	120	6	5	5	...	9	225	5	4	100	.....	4	210	262 14	164 44	1,646 40	Neshanic, N. J.
First, Philadelphia...	P. H. Milliken.....	121	2	2	1	...	2	185	4	1	100	180	1	220	1,001 15	41 18	.....	1433 Poplar st., Phila. Pa.
Second, " ...	W. H. Williamson....	110	1	.....	4	...	4	185	6	...	.....	136	1	191	260 00	....	2,839 29	811 N. 7th st., " "
Fourth, " ...	P. J. Kain.....	251	20	1	5	...	5	445	9	8	240	450	1	525	299 37	706 20	4,029 78	Martin & Pechin st , Roxboro'
Blawenburgh	John S. VanOrden...	†65	7	6	4	...	2	143	5	2	....	80	1	90	117 88	.....	895 43	Blawenburgh, N. J. [Phila.
Stanton...	Addison C. Bird..	†81	12	3	4	...	3	150	..	6	35	17	1	90	62 65	27 00	825 86	Stanton, N. J.
Clover Hill.....	Peter Bruce.....	62	5	3	5	...	...	103	.....	1	40	.....	1	67	53 58	25 84	928 29	Clover Hill, N. J.
Rocky Hill	Vacant	†60	.....	.....	4	...	2	80	2	...	40	....	1	100	55 31	5 83	935 40	Rocky Hill, N. J.
Fifth, Philadelphia..	C. F. C. Suckow.	172	4	.....	...	...	4	227	27	...	.....	36	1	280	307 04	115 64	2,048 52	2223 E. Susq. av., Phila., Pa.
Addisville	Sidney O. Lawsing .	58	...	10	3	...	3	122	1	...	.....	.....	2	192	235 17	20 00	1,281 00	Richboro, Pa,
Three Bridges.....	O. M. Voorhees.....	81	18	4	9	...	1	162	3	6	34	45	1	80	105 58	74 00	1,325 00	Three Bridges, N. J.
Talmage Memorial..	H. C. Willoughby....	95	15	1	2		4	176	7	3	76	12	1	317	226 95	.....	1,675 01	387 Conarroe st., Roxboro', Phila.
South, Philadelphia.	Vacant	16	3	.....	4	...	...	10	3	...	.....	.....	1	63	.....	.....	303 99	....
Kampen.	Vacant*	17	4	8	...	...	1	22	1	...	59	35	1	34	13 15	....	88 42	Westover, Md.
Wilhemina.....	Vacant*	6	.....		2	...	...	10	1	...	9	16	.....	..... +	1 52	2 50	22 32	Bethlehem, Md.
Bethany, Phila.....	Vacant	11	18	2	...	...	...	20	.....	...	.....	.....	.....	55	.....	.....	.....	Roxboro' Phila.
Grace, Orangeburg, [S. C.	W. L. Johnson	20	.....	..	...	..	...	35	.....	...	.....	.....	1	125	.....	.....	.....	Orangeburg, South Carolina.
	Total	1,556	133	71	74	...	45	2,718	86	34	823	1,422	27	3,161	$3,539 42	$1,272 27	$21,766 92	

* Supplied by Rev. R. H. Joldersma. † Revised.

Other Ministers.—W. J. Skillman, Editor of *City and State*, 462 Lyceum ave., Philadelphia, Pa.; G. E. Gramm, 846 N. Broad St., Phila.; N. I. M. Bogart, Metuchen, N. J.; R. H. Joldersma, Superintendent of Missions, in Maryland, Pocomoke City, Md.

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First, Raritan	Wm. S. Cranmer	210	7	6	17	...	17	462	4	3	.....	200	1	300	$1,068 00	$262 00	$6,242 00	Somerville, N. J.
Readington	B. V. D. Wyckoff	150	3	2	16	...	6	294	4	...	.....	110	3	150	240 00	84 53	1,175 00	Readington, "
Bedminster	T. W. Jones	112	6	4	12	...	5	226	2	1	.....	.....	.....	185	647 72	66 63	1,575 27	Bedminster, "
Lebanon	Wm. E. Davis, S. C.	205	3	3	6	1	9	339	5	3	.....	.....	5	372	79 31	10 25	1,872 10	Lebanon, "
Rockaway	Henry T. Jones	110	4	1	.....	...	3	161	1	...	.....	.....	5	190	33 35	....	1,327 48	White House, "
North Branch	P. M. Doolittle	110	1	5	2	1	3	165	2	1	.....	60	1	75	422 34	71 30	1,268 57	North Branch, "
Second, Raritan	E. G. Read, D.D.	249	12	16	14	1	19	638	8	3	.....	.....	1	680	1,747 16	385 50	9,572 58	Somerville, "
Peapack	Wm. Johnston	112	5	18	3	...	5	194	8	1	.....	... ...	1	130	58 52	5 00	1,689 73	Peapack, "
South Branch	I. Sperling	110	4	11	6	...	4	189	4	2	104	45	3	150	322 67	14 16	2,259 16	South Branch, "
Third, Raritan	Wm. H. DeHart, D.D.	125	2	8	27	...	7	274	16	...	120	125	1	319	530 00	30 00	4,524 89	Raritan, "
Pottersville	Wilmer McNair, S.S.	50	3	2	2	1	1	88	.....	1	.....	.....	1	112	45 38	38 29	793 50	Pottersville, "
High Bridge	C. L. Lawrence	118	3	12	2	...	2	163	..	...	.....	.....	1	204	73 85	40 00	2,290 43	High Bridge, "
Annandale	Vacant	74	1	3	5	...	...	120	2	...	.....	.....	.....	126	69 41	39 53	1,065 14	Annandale, "
Fourth, Raritan	F. Koechli	78	7	.....	.....	...	2	150	13	...	.....	12	.....	.....	40 00	20 00	778 00	Somerville, "
	Total	1,813	61	91	93	4	73	3,463	69	15	224	552	23	2,993	$5,377 71	$1,067 19	$36,383 85	

Other Ministers.—Henry Stout, Nagasaki, Japan; John F. Mesick, D.D., 236 East Market St., York, Pa.; Charles H. Pool, D.D., Somerville, N. J.; Andrew J. Hegeman, Somerville, N. J.; A. McWilliam, Somerville, N. J.; Minor Swick, Somerville, N. J.; H. P. Lyman-Wheaton, D.D., White House, N. J.

SUMMARY VIEW OF THE PARTICULAR SYNOD OF NEW BRUNSWICK, MAY, 1901.

CLASSES.	Churches.	Ministers.	Candidates.	Census. Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS. Rec'd. On Confession.	Rec'd. On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	BAP. Infants.	Adults.	No. of Baptized Non-Communicants.	C. C. & S. S. Catechumens.	Number of Sabbath-Schools.	Total Enrollment.	CONTRIBUTIONS. Benevolent. Denominational Objects.	Other Objects.	Congregational.	STATED CLERKS.
Bergen	22	20	2	2,155	288	131	146	...	57	3,704	434	67	788	990	30	7,108	$5,579 89	$3,413 51	$52,643 88	Henry Ward.
South Bergen	12	11	...	1,846	203	88	114	4	71	3,591	339	36	1,250	1,760	16	4,684	4,009 94	3,205 57	40,852 69	Henry C. Cussler
Monmouth	9	11	1	620	21	21	24	...	18	1,237	35	7	207	524	10	1,135	1,649 40	300 07	14,406 51	Jas. T. Schock.
Newark	16	22	...	2,533	369	183	110	...	63	4,959	250	97	469	1,462	22	5,890	20,469 84	3,936 67	60,034 98	J. S. Allen.
New Brunswick	13	20	1	1,109	53	40	56	2	61	2,668	62	12	190	1,330	24	2,253	5,894 73	2,606 33	27,264 19	M. H. Hutton.
Paramus	28	29	...	2,468	165	130	103	15	77	4,582	226	32	1,187	1,977	31	4,891	9,048 91	2,492 98	96,021 99	Theo. W. Welles.
Passaic	16	17	...	1,841	99	67	42	12	45	3,275	199	25	1,043	1,456	20	3,487	3,044 45	1,853 32	36,721 44	Geo. W. Labaw.
Philadelphia	19	18	...	1,556	133	71	74	...	45	2,718	86	34	823	1,422	27	3,161	3,539 42	1,272 27	21,766 92	F. M. Kip.
Raritan	14	20	...	1,813	61	91	93	4	73	3,463	69	15	224	552	23	2,993	5,377 71	1,067 19	36,383 85	Wm. E. Davis.
Total	149	168	4	15,941	1,392	822	762	37	510	30, 197	1,700	325	6,181	11,473	203	35,602	$58,614 29	$20,147 91	$386,096 45	

ARTICLE VI.

CLASSICAL MINUTES.

The Committee on Classical Minutes made their report. It was accepted and adopted, and is as follows :

The Committee on Classical Minutes report minutes received from five Classes. All are reported correctly kept and none report any action requiring special attention, of Synod. The Classes reporting are as follows :

Classis of Bergen.— 19 Churches.

2nd Question 9 Yes. 7 No. 3 No report.
3rd " 16 Yes. 1 No. 2 No report.

JOHN SMIT,
P. D. WESTERHOFF.

South Classis of Bergen.—12 Churches.

2nd Question 10 Yes. 2 No report.
3rd " No report given.

A. I. MARTINE,
D. H. BUCK.

Classis of Paramus.—28 Churches.

2nd Question 12 Yes. 12 No. 4 No report.
3rd " 22 Yes. 1 No. 5 No report.
Two churches make report regarding Question 7 only.

F. M. KIPP,
J. G. HOPPER.

Classis of Philadelphia.—17 Churches.

2d Question 8 Yes. 8 No. 1 No report.
3d Question 16 Yes. 1 No report.

J. L. SOUTHARD,
P. N. VAN NUYS.

Classis of New Brunswick.—

The book reports only that the constitutional questions have been answered "to the satisfaction of Classis."

Respectfully submitted,

ELIAS W. THOMPSON,
THOMAS POWELL VERNOLL,
JAMES H. BAIRD.

ARTICLE VII.

CLASSICAL APPEALS.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE VIII.

CLASSICAL REFERENCES.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE IX.

CHURCH GOVERNMENT.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE X.

DOCTRINES AND MORALS.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XI.

CUSTOMS AND USAGES.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XII.

CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS.

Attended to.

ARTICLE XIII.

SYNODICAL INJUNCTIONS.

Attended to.

ARTICLE XIV.

BENEVOLENT BOARDS.

The Committee on Systematic Beneficence reported as follows:

A review of the reports of this Committee for the last three years shows a continuing exhortation to the churches to give more liberally

to the support of our work ; and it also shows that there has been little appreciable response to these appeals. Three years ago the gifts to the benevolent boards and funds of our church averaged $1.97 per member ; two years ago, $1.80 per member ; last year no average was stated ; and this year the average contribution per member is $1.94. When we remember the pressing needs of our boards, and especially of our Mission Board, for money, in view of the constantly enlarging work and the increasing opportunities which the expending of it in all departments of thought and activity has presented in this new century, and when we remember that the response of the church to this urgent call has been so inadequate that the work of our mission is constantly restricted by "cuts," is it not time that as ministers and elders we should become aware of the enormous financial power latent in our churches, and seek by imparting information and by personal appeal, and especially through the young, to secure the consecration of a larger proportion of it toward the advancement of the kingdom of the church ? In some instances it appears that the churches respond more liberally to extra denominational appeals than to those objects for whose support our denomination is responsible. While sympathizing with the brotherly generous spirit, ought we not first to care for our own, and to realize that we are doing not less, but more, for the establishment of Christ's kingdom at large when we contribute to the support of those well known and thoroughly accredited enterprises for which our church is sponsor. Your Committee can do little more in furtherance of this important matter of systematic beneficence than to re-echo the exhortations of your Committees in other years, and to urge the ministers to keep their congregations constantly informed of the successes and needs of the church in all departments of its work, and the adoption of the thoroughly christian and business-like method of systematic giving.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. H. BOOCOCK,

CHARLES S. WRIGHT,

GEO. CARRAGAN.

Rev. Dr. P. H. Milliken appeared before Synod in the interests of the Board of Domestic Missions.

Rev. J. W. Conklin, Field Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions, addressed the Synod upon the work of that Board.

Rev. John G. Gebhard, Secretary of the Board of Education, was present, and was invited to speak.

The following resolution was thereupon adopted:

Resolved, That this Synod has heard with profound interest and intense satisfaction, the words of hope and encouragement conveyed by the representatives of our Church Boards. That they be instructed to carry back our congratulations on the magnificent work of the year, both in the increase of offering and progress in the field. And further, that the churches be affectionately urged to contribute, with increased fervor and enthusiasm, their prayerful support of the Missionaries of the church, at home and abroad, and the educational work of the Reformed church.

ARTICLE XV.

TREASURER.

The Treasurer reported his receipts and disbursements as follows:

REPORT OF I. P. BROKAW, Treasurer.

RECEIPTS.

1900.		
May 2.—Balance brought forward		$187 25
Oct. 12.—Assessment, Classis of Newark		28 00
" 8.— " " S. Bergen		15 00
" 13.— " " Monmouth		8 00
" 13.— " " Raritan		15 00
1901.		
Jan. 18.— " " Philadelphia		12 00
Mar. 15.— " " Bergen		17 00
Apl. 8.— " " New Brunswick		18 00
" 10.— " " Passaic		10 00
" 26.— " " Paramus		30 00
		$340 00

EXPENDITURES.

1900.		
May 2.—Sexton's fee	$ 5 00	
June 1.—Salary Stated Clerk	50 00	
" 15.—Postage and expressage	8 50	
" 16.—Monmouth Democrat, (Minutes)	87 80	
		$151 30
Balance in Treasury		$188 95

The report with vouchers was referred to the appropriate committee, who examined it. The report was adopted, and the Treasurer was authorized to lay the usual apportionment upon the Classes for the expenses of Synod.

ARTICLE XVI.

PARTICULARIA.

The sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered at the opening of the Synod, the President conducting the service, assisted by Elders D. H. Buck, Jacob Stout, Joseph C. Gulick and John VanNest.

The hours of adjournment and meeting were fixed at 5 P. M., 7¼ P. M. and 9 A. M.

The first half hour of the session on Wednesday morning was devoted to prayer and conference according to the rule, under the leadership of Rev. John A. VanNeste.

Rev. Dr. W. H. Vroom, Chairman of the Committee on Federation of Churches, reported that other denominations had failed to appoint co-operating committees, but that the continuance of the Committee was asked for another year. This was so ordered.

The special address before Synod by the Rev. W. J. Leggett, Ph.D., according to the appointment of the last Synod, was delivered on Tuesday evening, his subject being "The Gospel for Men." The hearty thanks of the Synod were tendered to Dr. Leggett for his excellent and earnest address.

It was resolved that a committee of three ministers and two elders be appointed to prepare a memorial to General Synod concerning a more definite rule for the enumeration of the census of families throughout the Reformed Church in America. The following were appointed as said committee: Revs. W. H. Boocock, C. S. Wright, W. H. DeHart, D.D., and Elders W. P. Millar and George Carragan. They reported as follows:

In view of the fact that the methods of estimating the number of families in connection with our Reformed churches is so varied, some counting as families only those which are represented in the membership of the church, others counting also those who are pew holders, and others those who are in attendance more or less regularly, and still others counting families to whom the church ministers, or those who are represented by some member in the Sunday-school or in other organizations of the church, and further, in view of the fact that the note informing the ministers to count those families in attendance seems to be somewhat vague, and has too uncertain and unduly varying methods, therefore,

The Particular Synod of New Brunswick, in Freehold assembled, would respectfully memorialize General Synod to define more explicitly what families should be counted as in connection with the church; and would recommend to the wisdom of General Synod the following suggestion: That only those families be considered as in connection with a church which are represented in the membership or are represented by some regular contributor to the current expenses of the church, either by pew rent or by envelopes, or in some other way.

The report was accepted and adopted.

The Committee on Nominations reported as follows:

Your Committee on Nominations hereby respectfully presents its report as follows :

Inasmuch as by the death of the Rev. A Paige Peeke a vacancy has occurred in the Board of Superintendents of the Western Theological Seminary, we therefore recommend that Rev. P. T. Pockman, D.D., be appointed to fill the unexpired term.

To deliver an address at the meeting of Particular Synod, May, 1902, Rev. W. H. Boocock, Primarius, Rev. E. W. Thompson, Secundus. The subject to be selected by the speaker.

Signed,

J. A. VAN NESTE,
JAS. L. SOUTHARD,
W. P. MILLAR,

The courtesies of the Synod were extended to Rev. A. H. Eberhardt, pastor of the M. E. church of Freehold.

The Stated Clerks of the Classes were requested to make it their business to notify the delegates elected to Particular Synod of their appointment, giving them the names of their secundi and the time and place of meeting.

Rev. A. J. Martine, C. S. Wright and C. Brett were appointed a committee to convey the thanks of the Synod to the pastor, officers and members of the church of Freehold for the entertainment of Synod. This was very graciously attended to at the dinner on Wednesday noon by the chairman, Rev. A. I. Martine, who expressed the Synod's appreciation of the hospitality shown them in Freehold, and conveyed their thanks to the pastor, consistory, the ladies who had entertained them, the choir, and all who had contributed to the comfort and profit of their meeting. He was followed by Dr. Brett and Messrs. Wright and Conklin, in after dinner speeches—both humorous and serious—to which the pastor made suitable response.

ARTICLE XVII.

DELEGATES TO GENERAL SYNOD.

The following nominations of the Classes were confirmed :

CLASSIS OF BERGEN.

PRIMARII.

Rev. Henry Ward,	Elder, Abram Demarest,
" Wm. Manchee,	" Geo. Waterman,
" D. M. Talmage,	" Isaac D. Bogert,
" John Rudolph,	" M. Stilges.

SECUNDI.

Rev. John Bombin,	Elder, Henry Werneking,
" G. H. Cotton,	" G. F. Barkley,
" J. T. E. DeWitt,	" Daniel I. Demarest,
" C. J. Shepard, D.D.,	" John G. Martin.

SOUTH CLASSIS OF BERGEN.

PRIMARII.

Rev. J. F. Morgan,	Elder, Thomas N. Ward,
" J. A. Brown,	" W. M. Whipple,
" H. L. Franzen,	" John H. Bruns.

SECUNDI.

Rev. E. A. Meury,	Elder, Henry Hoersch,
" T. J. Kommers,	" Jacob VanHorn,
" H. C. Cussler,	" W. T. Francis.

CLASSIS OF MONMOUTH.

PRIMARII.

Rev. A. A. Zabriskie,	Elder, C. P. Van Derveer,
" I. P. Brokaw, D.D.,	" Geo. S. Jones,
" G. Wyckoff, Ph.D.,	" W. W. Taylor.

SECUNDI.

Rev. P. K. Hageman,	Elder, G. L. Crane,
" B. B. Staats,	" Jos. Sutphen,
" A. I. Martine,	" J. H. Baird.

CLASSIS OF NEWARK.

PRIMARII.

Rev. J. S. Allen,	Elder, Jos. S. Mundy,
" M. G. Hansen,	" Nelson Jacobus,
" W. E. Bogardus,	" Geo. S. Bruen.

SECUNDI.

Rev. T. J. Lee,	Elder, T. C. VanReyper,
" J. N. Morris,	" Robert Clark,
" Geo. Hauser,	" J. M. Schort.

CLASSIS OF NEW BRUNSWICK.

PRIMARII.

Rev. John B. Thompson, D.D.	Elder, Wm. H. Ayres,
" John DeWitt, D.D.,	" Austin Scott, LL.D.,
" Chas. T. Anderson,	" A. J. Conover.

SECUNDI.

Rev. P. T. Pockman, D.D.,	Elder, Peter E. Nevius,
" M. H. Hutton, D.D.,	" Chas. S. VanNuis,
" Alex. S. VanDyck,	" Henry VanNuys.

CLASSIS OF PARAMUS.

PRIMARII.

Rev. W. J. Leggett, Ph.D.,	Elder, Wilberforce VanSlyke,
" W. H. Vroom, D.D.,	" A. A. Blauvelt,
" Edward Lodewick,	" John H. Ackerman,
" Martin Flipse,	" Jacob Baker,
" J. H. Whitehead,	" T. R. Goodlatte.

SECUNDI.

Rev. Elias W. Thompson,	Elder, Peter Quackenbush,
" Fred. G. Dekker,	" Peter Breen,
" Theo. W. Welles, D.D.,	" Anthony Post,
" J. A. VanNeste,	" E. Cromwell,
" Isaac VanKampen, Ph.D.	" Herman Terhune.

CLASSIS OF PASSAIC.

PRIMARII.

Rev. O. L. F. Mohn,	Elder, J. S. VanNess,
" C. M. Steffens,	" Stephen J. Francisco,
" H. E. Nies,	" S. Keyser.

SECUNDI.

Rev. E. VanHetloo,	Elder, J. Witte,
" F. S. Wilson,	" G. W. Mickens,
" J. B. Church,	" Wm. H. Youmans.

CLASSIS OF PHILADELPHIA.

PRIMARII.

Rev. J. S. VanOrden,	Elder, J. V. H. Reid,
" A. C. Bird,	" Jacob D. Smith,
" Peter Bruce,	" Ira Higgins.

SECUNDI.

Rev. Wm. J. Skillman,	Elder, Theo. F. Stryker,
" C. F. C. Suckow,	" Fred. Bach,
" S. O. Lawsing,	" David McNair.

CLASSIS OF RARITAN.

PRIMARII.

Rev. E. G. Read, D.D.,	Elder, W. B. Dunham,
" Isaac Sperling,	" R. B. Little,
" C. L. Lawrence,	" G. N. Cregar.

SECUNDI.

Rev. F. Koechli,	Elder, R. Wagner,
" A. McWilliam,	" H. S. Potter,
" Minor Swick,	" M. Felmly.

ARTICLE XVIII.

INSTRUCTIONS TO DELEGATES.

None were given.

ARTICLE XIX.

ADJOURNMENT.

Synod adjourned at 12.30 P. M. of the second day of the session, to hold its next annual meeting in the Trinity Reformed Church of Plainfield, on the first Tuesday of May, 1902, at 3 o'clock P. M.

CLOSE OF THE SYNOD.

The minutes were read and approved, the usual number were ordered to be printed, and the Synod adjourned with prayer by Rev. T. P. Vernoll, and the benediction by the President.

JOHN HART, *President.*

THOMAS POWELL VERNOLL, *Vice President.*

J. A. VANNESTE,
B. V. D. WYCKOFF, } *Clerks pro tem.*

I. P. BROKAW, *Stated Clerk.*

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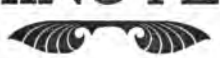

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Acts and Proceedings

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The Particular Synod of New Brunswick met in Stated Session in Trinity Reformed church, of Plainfield, N. J., on Tuesday, May 6, 1902, at 3 P. M., and remained in session until Wednesday, 12.30 P. M.

FORMATION OF SYNOD.

ARTICLE I.

OPENING OF THE SYNOD.

The Synod was opened with prayer by the President, Rev. John Hart, who also preached the sermon on Tuesday evening, from the text Jno. 15:5, last clause,—"Without me ye can do nothing."

ARTICLE II.

MEMBERS PRESENT.

Classis of Bergen.—Ministers, Henry Ward, John Rudolph, W. Manchee. Elder, M. J. Bogert.

South Classis of Bergen.—Ministers, O. L. F. Mohn, W. H. Boocock. Elders, Henry Hoersch, John Van Horne.

Classis of Monmouth.—Ministers, O. VanBeverhoudt, Willard Conger, Floyd Decker, I. P. Brokaw. Elders, D. P. VanBrakle, V. P. Buck.

Classis of Newark.—Minister, Jas. I. Vance. Elders, Jas. Polk, Jos. S. Mundy, Nelson Jacobus.

Classis of New Brunswick.—Ministers, Henry Lockwood, A. F.

Todd, Alex. S. VanDyck, C. T. Anderson. Elders, W. H. Ayres, V. M. W. Suydam, Henry S. VanNuys, A. J. Conover.

Classis of Paramus.—Ministers, Taber Knox, Henry W. Brink, N. H. VanArsdale, Ame Vennema. Elders, Andrew Smith, Henry P. Demarest, Peter H. Van Iderstine.

Classis of Passaic.—Minister, J. S. Hogan.

Classis of Philadelphia.—Ministers, Oscar M. Voorhees, H. C. Willoughby, Wm. Schmitz. Elder, Wm. Hamilton.

Classis of Raritan.—Ministers, W. E. Davis, Henry T. Jones, P. M. Doolittle, Wm. Johnston. Elder, Garret Conover.

ARTICLE III.

OFFICERS.

Rev. Henry Ward was elected President.

Rev. Taber Knox was elected Vice President.

Rev's Willard Conger and Oscar M. Voorhees were elected Temporary Clerks.

ARTICLE IV.

MINUTES AND BEQUEST OF REV. ELIAS VAN BENSCHOTEN.

These were read.

Acts of the Synod.

ARTICLE I.

RULES OF ORDER.

These were read.

ARTICLE II.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

The following were appointed :

On Synodical Minutes.—Rev's W. E. Davis and Wm. Manchee. Elder, Wm. Hamilton.

On Classical Minutes.—Rev's N. H. VanArsdale, P. M. Doolittle. Elder, H. P. Demarest.

Sub-Committees.

Rev. O. L. F. Mohn,	Elder, Jas. Polk,
Rev. O. VanBeverhoudt,	Elder, V. P. Buck,
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Rev. Alex. S. VanDyck,	Elder, D. P. VanBrakle,
Rev. A. F. Todd,	Elder, M. J. Bogert,
Rev. John Rudolph,	Elder, P. H. Van Iderstine.

On Classical Reports.—Rev's John Hart, H. W. Brink. Elder, Andrew Smith.

On Overtures and Judicial Business.—Rev's Henry Lockwood, Floyd Decker. Elder, P. H. Van Iderstine.

On Nominations.—Rev's J. S. Hogan, Wm. Schmitz. Elder, H. P. Demarest.

On Treasurer's Report.—Rev's H. C. Willoughby, A. S. VanDyck. Elder, Garret Conover.

On Systematic Beneficence.—Rev's Taber Knox, W. E. Davis. Elder, V. M. W. Suydam.

ARTICLE III.

COMMUNICATIONS.

The following communications were received :

An invitation from the First Reformed church of New Brunswick, through its pastor, Rev. P. Theo. Pockman, D. D., to hold the next annual meeting with them. The invitation was accepted.

Notices from the Boards of Domestic and Foreign Missions that Rev's Jas. I. Vance, D. D., and C. L. Wells, D. D., had been appointed to represent them in this Synod.

ARTICLE IV.

CORRESPONDENCE WITH OTHER SYNODS.

Copies of the minutes of General Synod and of the Particular Synods of New York, Albany and Chicago, for 1901, were presented and referred to the Committee on Synodical Minutes, who reported as follows :

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SYNODICAL MINUTES.

We have examined the Minutes of General Synod, the Minutes of the Particular Synods of Chicago, New Brunswick, New York and Albany. We find that there is nothing calling for the action of Particular Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. E. DAVIS,

Chairman of Committee.

The report was adopted.

ARTICLE V.

CLASSICAL REPORTS.

The Committee on Classical Reports presented the following, which was adopted :

Report of Committee on Classical Reports.

All the reports of the Classes were duly received.

All of these reports have been examined and tabulated, and compared with last year's report, and the general condition of the church work noted and is herewith presented.

The general tone of the reports can hardly be said to be more than

cheerful and hopeful, yet none convey the idea of discouragement or lament the absence of the Holy Spirit in the labors of Christ's servants for the kingdom of the Redeemer.

That a more exact condition of the work of the churches might be seen, your committee has taken the liberty, in all kindness, to present his comparison of results of the year with last year's, more in detail than is usually done.

The Classis of Bergen says that "the reports from the churches show faithful service with gratifying results." It has one more church and six more ministers than last year. Its *increase* has been also in the number of families, number now in communion, in the total enrollment in Sabbath-schools, and in congregational contributions, but there is a *decrease* in members received both by confession and certificate, and also in amounts contributed to denominational and other objects.

The South Classis of Bergen "resolves that Classis record its devout thankfulness to Almighty God for the excellent condition of the churches." There is no increase of churches but an increase of families, an increase in the communion total of 175, and in congregational contributions, but a decrease in members received both by confession and certificate, in the number of catechumens, in the total enrolment of Sabbath-schools, in benevolence in both objects.

The Classis of Monmouth tells us "That the annual record of the churches contain much for which we may well render thanks and nothing which ought to discourage and depress. They rejoice in the presence of the Holy Spirit's converting power. The number of families has increased with them and God has given them more than three times as many souls on confession than the previous year, with a consequent increase in the communion total. The number of catechumens is increased and their benevolence for denominational objects, but for 'other objects' and for congregational purposes a decrease."

The Newark Classis has a large increase in families, decrease in numbers received by confession, an increase by certificate, an increase in the communion total, in Sabbath-school enrolment, and a decrease in contributions to denominational benevolence and to congregational purposes, but a phenomenal increase in their benevolence to other objects more than ten times the amount contributed last year, one church alone giving more than six times the amount of the whole Classis last year, and more than half of that given by all the nine Classes this year.

New Brunswick reports no particular ground for exultation or depression. Profound gratitude to God is expressed for increase in the number of families and of communicants. But on the other hand a

decrease in the number of catechumens, and loss in amounts raised for benevolence and for congregational purposes, but these losses are considered incidental to existing circumstances. Two of their churches were without pastors for six months and one for a year.

Paramus gives for the most part a report that is inspiring and encouraging. There have been gains in the number of churches, of families, of members received in the communion total, in Sabbath-schools and their membership, in contributions to "other objects," in benevolence, and to congregational purposes, but they have a loss in denominational benevolence of $1,000.

Passaic is not particularly joyous, nor is it cast down. The number of families has enlarged. There has been an increase in members received on confession, a loss in members received by certificate, and a loss in the communion total, a gain in catechumens, in Sabbath-schools and their enrolment, in benevolence to "Other Objects," and in contributions to congregational purposes, but a loss in denominational benevolence.

The Classis of Philadelphia reports advanced progress at many points along the line, but deplores considerable loss in benevolence to denominational and "Other Objects," while the increase in congregational contributions exceeds last year's by more than one-third of last year's amount.

The reports from the churches of the Raritan Classis are full of cheer. There is an increase in members received on confession and a decrease in the number received by certificate, the increase and decrease exactly balancing last year's report. There is a decrease, however, in the communion total, an increase in the number of catechumens, a decrease in Sabbath-school membership, in both objects of benevolence, and in congregational contributions.

From this review of the work of the Classes there is much to encourage and stimulate the people of God, which this Synod represents, to continued and energetic faithfulness in work and prayer. Encouragement is found in the fact that 7 Classes out of the 9 have had increase to their number by "confession of faith." This represents the gathering in of converted souls, and shows the blessing of the Holy Spirit upon the word of truth. Six Classes out of the nine have increased the total enrollment of active members. Four of the nine have increased the number of catechumens which may be deemed ground for devout thankfulness. Five of the nine Classes have enlarged their Sabbath-school rolls, suggesting faithful and effective work in that direction. Six of the nine have enlarged their congregational contributions, which is never a bad sign in any church, for where congrega-

tions take care of their own churches, we may be sure good work is being done, which we have faith to believe will in time be effective along other lines, at least it will furnish ground from which to stir up the churches to greater faithfulness along the kindred line of denominational benevolence. On this point the work is more discouraging than any other, two only out of nine have advanced here. While we therefore give praise to God for what he has accomplished through faithful labors of his servants in our churches, pastors and laity, your Committee would recommend to the Synod that the churches be urged to take a more vigorous interest in the matter of denominational benevolence, stirring up their people to the great importance of this method of serving God, and of showing their loyalty to His cause. There are many wandering, destitute, benighted people to be reclaimed and brought into the fold, and many, many hungry souls to be fed, who are looking to those who are furnished with abundance, for the help they need.

JOHN HART,

Chairman.

Ministers who have died : Nov. 2, 1901, Rev. Gustavus E. Gramm, of the Classis of Philadelphia. December 1, 1901, the Rev. John Gaston, D. D., of the Classis of Paramus, after 42 years connection with it.

CLASSIS OF BERGEN.

Report of the Committee on the State of Religion :

Reports have been received from all the churches. These show faithful service with gratifying results. Nearly nineteen centuries have passed since our Lord taught His church to pray "Thy kingdom come ;" since He gave the commission "Go, disciple all the nations ;" since He sent forth the Holy Spirit to apply the benefits of His purchased redemption. However misleading statistics may be, they irrefutably show that the prayer is being offered and answered, the command obeyed and that the Holy Spirit is attendant in glorious power. Amid the world changes, of whatever character, the kingdom of our Lord advances and extends. That we have a part in this work our church reports clearly show, giving cause for encouragement and rejoicing, and foretokening the fact that He *must* reign until He hath put all enemies under His feet.

The churches of *Closter*, *Highwood*, *Third Hackensack*, *First Hoboken*, *Ridgefield*, *Secaucus* and *Schralenburgh*, send only statistical reports but very gratifying ones.

First Hackensack reports a vigorous church life, the work at home and abroad being well sustained, church and prayer meeting services largely attended, and an increase of conversions over the preceding year.

Cherry Hill rejoices in a deepening of spiritual life and makes mention of the formation of a Gospel Band, in which this and other churches have joined for the better prosecution of evangelistic work. They have also completed a new parsonage.

Palisades reports increased attendances and a very encouraging spiritual condition. Special appeals for necessary congregational purposes have caused a slight falling off in the gifts for benevolence.

Rochelle Park reports progress, the reorganization of the Sunday-school, under the jurisdiction of the Consistory, and the formation of a Ladies' Missionary Society for the purpose of increasing interest in missionary work.

The German Evangelical Church of Hoboken is to be congratulated on a payment of one thousand dollars on their church mortgage, this being the beginning of a work which will free them from the remaining four thousand dollars of debt. They further report prosperity in enlarged attendance on public services and energetic church organizations.

Westwood heartily seconds the motion to pay off mortgages, and is liquidating its debt at the rate of six hundred dollars per year. This church reports a Bible study "Home Department" of seventy-two members. Happy church. Blessed is the man whose delight is in the law of the Lord. Whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.

North Bergen sings a song of joy over the prevailing peace and harmony, active organizations, efficient Sunday-school and souls born into the kingdom.

Hasbrouck Heights tells of a decade of steady advancement. Evidences of the divine blessing are seen in souls converted, with others deeply impressed by the truth. The Ladies' Aid Society is decreasing the debt, other societies are diligently employed in the Master's work, a missionary society organized and a largely attended prayer meeting.

Guttenberg brings glad tidings of great joy in the largest accession to the church membership in its history. Four young people's societies are active, and the regular finances running flood. Spiritual and material success cause not only rejoicing, but stimulate to greater exertion for the work of the Master who has so signally blessed them.

Spring Valley, highly appreciative of the divine blessings, makes mention of the fidelity in service of its membership.

Oradell reports a new Sunday-school enterprise of 90 members and a prospective new chapel in a few months.

Grove Church, New Durham, reports the largest number of accessions in its history, one hundred and twenty-seven having been received with but four dismissions and eight deaths.

This church also carries the banner in the amount raised for congregational purposes, and is second in the amount given for denominational benevolence. She presents another son to Classis as having come to years of discretion not only, but of full age, to be enrolled as a voter and soldier in the ranks, asking that he be permitted to enlist for the war, waiving all privileges of furlough, sick-list or discharge, prepared for field, hospital or detail duty. The boy, by several years of service, has shown such ability in aiding the old folks at home in the war of the Lord, that the presentation has already been welcomed by Classis with gratitude to the Lord. It is to be hoped that Grove church may be prospered in speedily bringing her remaining five children to like maturity.

"As arrows are in the hand of a mighty man, so are children of the youth. Happy is the church that hath its quiver full of them."

"Such shall still bring forth fruit in old age."

Second Hackensack carries the banner in the amount raised for denominational benevolence. The church reports as follows: "July last, we began support of our own missionary, Rev. John H. Wyckoff. We use the weekly envelope system, which supplements the pew rentals. Out of these revenues we provide for all the running expenses of the church and the salary of our missionary. The plan is working well and is worthy of mention only, because it is something unique in the line of benevolence.

The Bogart Memorial of Bogota suffers from the deprivation of pastoral services, Rev. Homer MacMillan having been compelled to go West on account of loss of health. His condition calls for the sympathy and prayers of the members of the Classis. The report evinces spiritual life and development.

The following Ecclesiastical changes have occurred:

The Rev. Homer MacMillan was installed pastor of the Bogart Memorial church, Bogota, on Tuesday, April 30, 1901.

The candidate, Edward Dawson, was received from the Classis of Orange, and ordained for the purpose of engaging in missionary work at West Hoboken, on June 4, 1901.

The candidate, George McPherson Hunter, was received from the

Classis of New Brunswick, and ordained and installed pastor of the First Reformed church of Rochelle Park, on October 8, 1901.

CHARLES S. WRIGHT,
Chairman.

SOUTH CLASSIS OF BERGEN.

Report of Committee on the State of Religion.

Bergen Church reports "normal growth, with the largest membership in the church's history." The celebration of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the pastorate of the Rev. Cornelius Brett, D. D., is gratefully acknowledged. The Classis would join our loved and honored co-presbyter, Dr. Brett, in thankfulness to the great Head of the church for his long, faithful and successful service, and pray that many more years of usefulness may be granted to our dear brother in this important field.

First, Bayonne. The number of members received by this church includes those admitted at only three communions; 17 others being received last Sunday, and not reported until next year. The large number of dismissions is due to influence brought to bear on non-residents to induce them to go to near-by communions. This effort should be noted, and similar work done in other churches. "The general condition of the church is one of prosperity; audiences larger, Sunday-schools and other organizations flourishing." The finances show enthusiasm and work during the year in all departments of activity.

Wayne Street reports a work this year, which is "more intensive than extensive," with "some numerical increase," and "at least holding the fort." The figures show great faithfulness on the part of pastor and people, according to the number on the church roll. The much-loved pastor-emeritus, Dr. Paul D. VanCleef, still remains with us, though in feeble health. The Classis is pleased to record its love for this aged pastor, and keep him enshrined in loving memory.

The Park Church.—"A healthy year of work," with hopeful conditions in several lines of activity. An increased faith in the future is also apparent. Congregations are larger than last year. The Sunday-school has taken on new life, and gives great promise for the church's future. This is the Jubilee year of the church's life, and they contemplate extensive interior alterations during the summer. They hope to rededicate and to celebrate this Jubilee, as well as the pastor's tenth anniversary, in the second week in October.

Fifth Street, Bayonne, has had a unique experience during the year,

having arisen from the union of the Bergen Point Reformed Church and the First Presbyterian Church of Bayonne. The church reports "still without a pastor and hearing candidates." "The future looks bright, the best feeling prevails between those who formerly constitut-constituted two congregations." We congratulate this united church on its union; and believe it has set an example worthy of imitation by other churches under similar circumstances.

Lafayette Church reports the work "about as usual, despite constant changes, with a willing people, and harmony and peace prevailing." Like other down-town churches, this communion suffers from removals. The work is heroic and speaks volumes for their faithful workers.

Free, Jersey City.—No remarks, but the very gratifying additions to the church roll are a source for great thankfulness to God, and are, we trust, a prophecy of their future growth and prosperity. No church can be located in a more truly mission field, and the Classis notes the advance with great interest and prayerful sympathy.

Third Church, Bayonne, reports that, besides the current expenses, they have raised $225 for paving on Ave. C. In christian work steady progress is indicated. We are glad to note that this church has given to all the church boards, as every church should do, no matter how small the amount.

St. John's German Evangelical.—No remarks. The figures, however, indicate growth and prosperity.

Second, Hudson City, reports "a marked increase of true spiritual life, especially among the young people;" services well attended, the church edifice often being too small to accommodate the people. Nearly $1,000 has been added to the building fund this year.

First German Evangelical.—This church has been reorganized during the year. When the Rev. Louis Nickse accepted the charge only a few members gave any financial support. The absentee members are gradually returning. The Consistory states that the growth will be slow, but they have faith in the future under Mr. Nickse's administration.

The Committee presented the following resolutions, which were adopted:

1. *Resolved*, That Pastors and Consistories be urged to send their reports to the chairman of the committee on the State of Religion on time, that they may be properly digested, and the committee relieved from the annoyance caused by footing up figures and condensing the remarks on the floor of Classis.

2. *Resolved*, That Classis record its devout thankfulness to Almighty God for the excellent condition of the churches within its

bounds. Pastors have been secured for all but Fifth street, Bayonne, and all show gratifying results in spiritual work, with an underlying spirit of optimism which promises great things for the future, so that we can confidently look for greater achievements next year.

3. *Resolved*, That we earnestly request the dear pastors and elders to undertake greater work in their respective congregations to secure mission funds. Our noble missionaries call to us loudly—not by words but by sacrifice—and implore our hearty co-operation. We record our earnest belief that such activity for our Boards would help the home work more than anything else, and that God will give to the givers, and say: "Inasmuch as ye did it unto one of the least of these little ones, ye did it unto me."

4. *Resolved*, That we pledge anew our loyalty and Christian support to one another in our arduous work; that we deeply feel our need of greater consecration and dependence on divine power alone for spiritual growth and development in our churches; that the Gospel alone is "the power of God unto salvation;" and our belief that, where faithfully proclaimed, the Holy Spirit will give fruitage according to the promise of the Holy Word. To secure these results we will unitedly work and pray.

J. FRANCIS MORGAN, *Chairman*,
CORNELIUS BRETT,
J. ALEX. BROWN.

CLASSIS OF MONMOUTH.

Your Committee on the State of Religion beg leave to report:

The annual record of our churches contain much for which we may well render thanks, and nothing which ought to discourage and depress.

Among the many causes for gratitude and rejoicing we mention the following:

The presence of the Holy Spirit with converting and sanctifying power in all, or nearly all of our congregations, evidence of which we have in the number of adults, to which the Sacrament of Baptism was administered, and in the number received into membership of our churches on confession of faith, the number thus received being more than double the number received last year. Our increase over losses by dismissions and death bring our total membership this year up to 1,300, as against 1,237 reported last year.

In the increase of contributions to the boards of our denomination, this being nearly 7 per cent. in advance of last year.

In the completion of the work undertaken by the congregation of Keyport church, e. g., remodeling of their church edifice, which work was finished early last fall, so that the church services were resumed

Nov. 1st, after a vacation of 4 months. To that work the Divine seal has already been given. The rebuilding of the church at Long Branch, now completed, and which will, D. V., be dedicated on the 16th of this month of April. The reviving of Classical Visitation, which was carried out last fall with profit to pastors and people.

The various churches in their order of standing on the roll of Classis testify as follows:

First Freehold reports. "The year has been one in which the work has been carried forward with gratifying results. In spiritual and temporal matters the Lord has blessed us. We have been permitted to welcome to our communion thirteen on confession of faith. Services have been well sustained. With increased expenses for necessary repairs on church and parsonage, we have been able to close the year with all bills paid and current expenses met. We face the new year with courage and hope, believing that He who has so wonderfully blessed us in the year past, will go with us in the year upon which we now enter."

Holmdel announces "That the year has been one of prosperity. Harmony and good will have existed. All services have been well sustained. The long spiritual drought has been broken. At our December communion we welcomed fourteen by confession. The Jr. and Sr. C. E. Societies have been resurrected with encouraging results. There are many signs of encouraging progress, for all of which we thank God and take courage."

Middletown reports, While unable to report any marked increase of membership, yet are thankful that they have not been left without some evidence of the Spirit's presence and influence, two having been received on confession. The regular services of the church have been maintained and well attended. Of contributions the record states: That the Ladies' Missionary Aux. have done their part well. The "Steady Gleaners," a girl's missionary band, is also doing good work, not only in the training up of young workers, but also in the raising of money. The Sunday-school and Y. P. S. C. E., are each doing good, faithful work in their respective spheres. The C. E. belongs to the Missionary League. A new interest has been awakened in Bible study, by the use of a course of "Supplemental Studies." What we need now, more than all things else, is a special baptism of the Holy Spirit. For this we most earnestly pray.

Second Freehold mentions "That there has been an accession to its membership above all losses. A roll-call of the church was held at the preparatory service in March, when most of the absentees, non-resident members, were heard from by letter, and some took the trouble to

attend from a considerable distance to respond to their names. We have found these services at intervals of great profit, in reopening communication with those who have removed from this locality, and of benefit to the resident congregation. At the beginning of the year revival services were held for 3 weeks with two sister churches, under the leadership of Rev. F. E. Smiley and his musical assistant, from Denver. During the year certain changes about the pulpit, involving redecoration in part were made by the earnest efforts of the young people. During the year our oldest member died at the ripe age of 93 years. The meeting of the Particular Synod in our church last May, for the second time in its history, was an interesting and enjoyable occasion."

Keyport announces, "The present pastorate began Nov. 1st, 1901, at which time the church remodeled and beautified, was reopened for services. Since then the interest and enthusiasm have gradually increased, and we are in a very prosperous condition. Attendance on services has been good. With the aid of a legacy of $300, we have paid off a note given in payment for work done when the church was remodeled, and close the year with a balance in the treasury. The church is thoroughly united, and we prayerfully hope for a prosperous year to come."

Long Branch reports, "The year that is past marks an epoch in the history of this church. The encroachments of decay, incident to more than fifty years of weather's storm and sunshine, together with the demand made by the march of progress in the church work made imperative the rebuilding of our church edifice. This work was begun in fear and trembling in Augnst last, and has just been completed. We are now equipped with a comfortable up-to-date building. Notwithstanding the interruption in church services, and the interference with pastoral work incident to rebuilding, the work of the year does not suffer materially in any feature by comparison with past years. The church has entered upon a new era which gives promise of both spiritual and temporal enlargement. But we would not forget that as 'hitherto hath the Lord helped us,' so we must 'go forward' trusting in Him."

Colts Neck.—Services have been well sustained. Interest in work of church has been increased. God has been with us, making His word become the power of God unto Salvation to some of our number. We face the new year with much hope.

Highlands.—Services maintained, audiences increasing in number, interest deepening.

Asbury Park announces, "That an effort was made to raise funds to

liquidate their entire floating indebtedness. Result of such effort was $900 in money, and pledges to cover the balance. The preaching of the word has been greatly blessed. All departments of our church are working in harmony, and we are looking into the future with large hopefulness."

The Ministerial changes that have taken place in our Classis are as follows:

The Rev. E. W. Greene was dismissed to the Classis of Hudson, May 9th, 1901.

The Rev. A. A. Zabriskie was dismissed to the Classis of Ulster, on ——— 1901.

The Licentiate, Octave VanBeverhoudt, was ordained and installed as pastor of the Reformed church at Colts Neck, on June 21st, 1901.

The Licentiate, Willard Conger, was ordained and installed as pastor of the Reformed church at Asbury Park, on July 3rd, 1901.

The Licentiate, Floyd Decker, was ordained and installed as pastor of the Reformed church at Keyport, on Nov. 6th, 1901.

A. I. MARTINE,

Chairman of Committee.

CLASSIS OF NEWARK.

The committee on the State of Religion finds encouragement in all reports.

The First Reformed, Newark, sends no report or statistical table. However, we hear good accounts of the activities of this old historic church in its finely equipped new building.

Irvington reports an earnest, spiritual life manifest among the members. The property is out of debt, with a balance in the treasury. A new church building with a parsonage is one of the pleasant visions which this devoted people hope to realize in the not distant future.

New York Ave., Newark, reports a thoroughly united and hopeful church. Finances and spiritual resources in better condition than in many years.

North, Newark tells of unusual activity and prosperity, both spiritual and temporal. New members have been received at the close of nearly every Sabbath evening service. Large congregations and well attended prayer meetings, and the consistory increased from 18 to 22.

Clinton Ave., Newark, reports the usual prosperity. Although the auditorium of this church exceeds that of any other Reformed church in the city, every available pew on floor and galleries is rented. Dur-

ing the past year a large new organ has been put in and paid for. Large accessions have been received to the membership, which now lacks but a few of one thousand names.

Stone House Plains, Brookdale, reports good Sunday congregations and satisfactory benevolent contributions. This church celebrated its 100th anniversary last October. The debt on the chapel was cancelled by generous friends.

The First Reformed Church, Orange, reports a year of quiet prosperity, harmony and spiritual growth. Forty-one new members received. Total in communion now 548.

Montclair Heights rejoices in a new edifice free from debt, dedicated last June. The dedication services covering a week, were of intense interest, taxing the capacity of the church, and making many new friends for the work. The community is slowly growing.

Other churches not mentioned show equal fidelity. There have been 503 additions to the churches during the year. This number exceeds any record for recent years.

C. W. GULICK,

Chairman Committee.

CLASSIS OF NEW BRUNSWICK.

The committee on the State of Religion of the Classis of New Brunswick would respectfully report:

There is no particular ground for special exultation or depression in the reports of the churches for the past year. The reports are, upon the whole, encouraging. The number of the families has increased by 76, there being now 1,185, against 1,109 of last year. The number of communicants has increased by 83, the total now being 2,751, against 2,668 last year. These items of increase are causes for profound gratitude to God. His word has not returned unto him void. The gradual, but steady, increase of the church in members is very satisfactory to every christian heart. On the other hand, the number of catechumens is 50 less, being only 1,280 now, against 1,330 last year. There is also a loss both in benevolence and in the amounts raised for congregational purposes. The loss in benevolence is about $776, and in moneys for congregational purposes about $1,560. Yet these losses may be largely explained by the fact that three of the churches have been without pastors for a time; two of them for six months each, and one for about a year. All the churches are now supplied with pastors, and we may certainly believe that the losses referred to are merely in-

cidental to the circumstances, and do not represent any decrease of real interest.

The *First Church of New Brunswick* reports:—The year has been one of vigorous life. All departments of the work have been well-officered and well-managed. A healthful life is manifest. Both spiritual and temporal matters have been looked after, and gifts for missions have increased to the extent of $100. The present pastor has now completed fifteen years of service in his charge. The Sunday-school of the Throop Avenue Mission is prospering, having reached an attendance of 170.

The *Church of Six Mile Run* reports:—That a new pastor, Rev. Clifford P. Case, has recently been settled there, and the catechumens are the same in number as the total enrolment of the schools, as all are catechized.

The *Church of Hillsborough* reports:—The year has been one of in-gathering, of social progress and spiritual growth. All are united in pushing forward the work of the church. Our joys are many, our sorrows few. The year closes with a balance in the treasury.

The *Church of Middlebush* reports:—The year has been one of more than ordinary interest and prosperity, although the pastor has been able to preach only once on the Sabbath during most of the year. The liberality of the church, both for home expenses and general benevolence, has been most encouraging.

The *Church of Griggstown* reports:—That they suffer greatly from removals—the general drift of the younger element into the towns. The church is united. There is renewed interest in the work of instruction in the Sabbath-schools. The other organizations have quietly and faithfully done their work. While they would be glad to see more spiritual fruit, they rejoice in peace and harmony.

The *Second Church of New Brunswick* reports:—The year has been one of advance. The church has given more for both benevolence and home purposes. A number of young people have united with the church. Harmony has prevailed. A floating debt has been paid off.

The *Church of Bound Brook* reports:—That it is lengthening its cords and strengthening its stakes. Twelve have been received on confession and twelve by certificate.

The *Third Church of New Brunswick* presents no report. The facts may come before the Classis from another source.

The *Church of East Millstone* reports:—After a vacancy of about a year, this church has again settled a pastor, Rev. Henry Lockwood. All its debts have been paid, and its property has been repaired. The

attendance is good. Ten have been received on confession, and nine by certificate.

The *Church of Metuchen* reports:—It looks upon the past with gratitude, upon the future with faith, and upon her neighbors with good will.

The *Church of Suydam Street, New Brunswick*, reports:—There have not been as many accessions during the past year, partly because they were unusually large the year before. The Sunday-school is increased in efficiency, changes having been successfully made in methods of instruction. The various societies have done effective work. A club for men has been established, and once a month there is a service devoted especially to them.

The *Church of Highland Park* reports:—Health and temporal prosperity are among the items noted. There have been few additions to the church, but the Sunday-school is flourishing. It reports 125 enrolled members.

The *Church of Spotswood* reports:—A new pastor, Rev. Paul J. Strohauer, was installed on March 9th. He has already, although only a little more than a month has passed, called upon nearly all the families and members. All services are well attended. The church property is in excellent condition. The outlook is encouraging.

During the year the following changes have taken place: The Rev. James L. Southard has been released from the pastoral care of the church, at Griggstown, to take effect June 1st. The Rev. John O. Bayles has been released from the pastoral care of the church at Spotswood, and the Rev. P. J. Strohauer received from the Classis of Schenectady, and installed as his successor. The Rev. Clifford P. Case was received from the Classis of New York, and installed at Franklin Park as successor of the Rev. G. M. S. Blauvelt, who was released from that charge. The Rev. Henry Lockwood was received from the Classis of Albany and installed at East Millstone. The students, Floyd Decker, Geo. M. Hunter and F. S. C. Bosch, have been licensed and dismissed to their various fields, the latter being first ordained to the ministry and then dismissed to the Classis of Pleasant Prairie.

E. T. CORWIN,
P. T. POCKMAN,
JOHN VAN NEST,
} *Committee.*

CLASSIS OF PARAMUS.

The committee on the State of Religion in the Classis of Paramus respectfully submits the following report:

Aquackanonck.—Has enjoyed a normal growth during the past year. Work on the new church edifice is approaching completion and it is expected that the new house of worship will be dedicated in the month of June. Notwithstanding the heavy drafts made upon the congregation for the payment of the new church the standard of benevolences has been maintained.

Centerville.—After a brief vacancy the settlement of the present pastor has brought new hope to this church. It reports an increased attendance and a flourishing Sunday-school and Christian Endeavor Society. The financial condition is all that can be desired. Pastor and people feel encouraged and thankful.

Clarkstown.—Sustains the loss of several prominent members and families by death and by removal elsewhere. Spiritually and financially the church is holding its own.

Clifton.—No remarks.

Garfield.—Is looking forward with hope. The last three months, the brief period of the present pastor's settlement, have witnessed a steady increase in congregational attendance. Eight have been received on confession of faith and two by letter. The canvass of the community among non church goers has brought in new families. There has been a healthy increase in the Sunday-school, which is already testing the capacity of the small building. Located in a growing community there is every reason to assume that there is a future for this church, and if assured of the sympathy and aid of the Classis of Paramus, there is no doubt that the Reformed church of Garfield will live to support itself and help others also.

Glen Rock.—No remarks.

Hawthorne.—Reports encouraging prospects. It is with a sense of gratitude that the contribution to the Board of Domestic Missions is made. A plan is formulated by which it is hoped that contributions to all the Boards can be made. The Sunday-school is steadily growing and the prayer meetings are well attended.

Lodi, First Holland.—Reports a profound sense of divine blessing upon their church. Attendance is good and the spiritual and the financial conditions such as to cause thankfulness.

Lodi, Second.—Are now occupying their new house of worship, completed last September. The total cost of the building was about $12,000, of which a debt of $3,000 still remains. This extra drain upon the people has made some encroachment upon the offerings for benevolences. The new church building has stimulated church attendance. Accessions show a ten per cent. gain in church membership

during the year. One of the hopeful features here is the work in the Sunday-school.

Nyack.—Rejoice in the completion of their beautiful church edifice costing about $31,000 and a new pipe organ costing $3,000. The new church was dedicated March 27th, and a large and enthusiastic audience was present. Rev. C. R. Blauvelt presided. Prof. Searle, of New Brunswick, preached the sermon, and Dr. Leggett, the former pastor, gave a most felicitous address. Easter Sunday eight persons were received upon confession, and five by letter. The church feels profoundly grateful for the blessings of the past.

Paramus.—Has witnessed improved spiritual condition in the gain of good religious workers, the revival of Christian Endeavor work, the organization of a temperance society in the Sunday-school, and a quickening interest among the young in Missions. Financially the church is in a sound condition, due largely to the zeal of the ladies.

Pascack.—Is grateful for the blessings of the past year. The church services have been well attended and the use of the means of grace have been blessed. The Sunday-school and all the societies connected with the church are in a prosperous condition. A note representing the indebtedness of the church has been paid through the efforts of the Ladies' Aid Society, and thus the church enters upon the new year free from debt.

Passaic, First Holland.—No remarks.

Passaic, North.—The year has been a prosperous and happy one. Services and sacraments have been well sustained. The various departments of church work have been conducted as usual. Damages to the church building made by fire have been repaired, and the parsonage has also been thoroughly renovated.

Paterson, Broadway.—Reports general success along all lines in spite of the fire and flood which have hindered the work considerably; some of the best supporters sustaining heavy losses. Various church organizations are flourishing, public worship is largely attended, finances are in excellent condition, and general harmony prevails.

Paterson, First Holland.—Membership and contribution have increased, and the church is gaining in every respect.

Paterson, North.—No remarks.

Paterson, Second.—Is thankful for the mercies of the past, and faces the future with encouraged hearts and exultant hopes.

Piermont.—No remarks.

Ramapo.—Reports a prosperous year along both spiritual and material lines. Fifteen members have been added to the church. Extensive improvements have been made on the church property and

paid for. As a substantial testimony of appreciation the pastor's salary has been raised a hundred dollars.

Ramseys.—No remarks.

Ridgewood.—Reports uninterrupted growth, with no marked spiritual interest beyond the liberal offerings for benevolences and general church improvements. Two thousand four hundred dollars have been spent on account of the new pipe organ, and seven hundred dollars for improvements in parsonage. Entire support is assumed of a missionary in the Kentucky field. Expectations and hope are big for the future.

Saddle River.—This has been a year of steady advancement. Attendance upon all religious meetings has been excellent, and a healthy, spiritual tone prevails. Extended improvements about the church and parsonage property have been made. The financial condition of the church is good.

Spring Valley.—The public means of grace have, during the year, received the usual attention. The different organs of the church work well and without friction. Particular efforts are made to support the Missionary Boards and the Board of Education.

Tappan.—No remarks.

Warwick.—During the past year the church has more than maintained its record of preceding years. Spiritually the outlook is promising, and the deep, prayerful interest which prevails is the promise of future blessings. The church has contributed for all purposes several hundred dollars more than the year preceding. All the organizations of the church are in fine condition. The Brotherhood of Andrew and Philip has recently been organized. Three branch Sunday-schools were conducted in neighboring country districts during the summer months of last season.

West New Hempstead.—Reports nothing unusual in the work of the church. The Sunday-school was continued through the winter for the first time in many years. Lack of interest in personal religion among the unconverted is deprecated.

Wortendyke, Holland.—This church is holding its own considering the adverse circumstances under which it has labored. The first loss sustained was the removal by death of the pastor's beloved and efficient helpmeet; the next the resignation of the pastor, the Rev. D. C. Ruigh, to take up work in the foreign mission field. During the vacancy the pulpit has been regularly supplied, and the attendance at

the services is gratifying. The Sunday-school has increased nearly one hundred per cent. during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

ISAAC VAN KAMPEN,

Chairman.

Ministerial Changes.—May 21, 1901, Mr. P. P. Cheff, a graduate of the Theological Seminary, at New Brunswick, after passing the required examinations, was licensed to preach the Gospel, and having accepted an appointment from the Board of Domestic Missions to labor in Oklahoma, was ordained a missionary of the church of Christ.

October 15 the pastoral relation between the Rev. Matthew N. Oliver and the church at Tappan, N. Y., and between the Rev. William Guthrie Myles and the church at Garfield, N. J., was dissolved. At the same meeting the Rev. J. Edward Grant was received from the Presbytery of Newton, and October 20 installed pastor of the church at Hawthorne, N. J.

November 10, the Rev. Nathaniel H. VanArsdale, D.D., was installed pastor of the church at Centerville, Athenia, N. J.

December 1, the Rev. John Gaston, D.D., a member of the Classis since 1869, departed this life with an assured hope of a glorious immortality.

December 2, the pastoral relation between the Rev. William J. Leggett, Ph.D., and the church at Nyack, N. Y., was dissolved, and Mr. Leggett dismissed to the Classis of Rensselaer.

December 11, the pastoral relation between the Rev. D. Cornelius Ruigh and the church at Wortendyke, N. J., was dissolved, Mr. Ruigh having received an appointment from the Board of Foreign Missions. At the same meeting of Classis the Rev. Eugene Hill was received from the Classis of Greene, and January 5, 1902, was installed pastor of the church at Garfield, N. J.

April 15, 1902, the Rev. James Jongeneel was received from the Classis of Newark, and assumed charge of the church at Glen Rock, as stated supply.

THEODORE W. WELLES,

Stated Clerk.

CLASSIS OF PASSAIC.

The committee on the State of Religion respectfully reports:

The condition of the churches in Classis in general, seems to be favorable.

According to the statistical reports, in the number of families, there has been a gain over last year of 87.

From the reports of admission on confession of faith, there has been a gain of 9 ; and by letter a loss of 15.

The report of the sum total of communicants shows a loss of 92.

The contributions for benevolent objects, denominational, are $201.-45 less than the previous year ; while toward other objects there is an increase of $133.18.

The contributions for congregational purposes have been $702.16, in excess of those of the previous year.

To be more specific :

The *Church of Boonton* reports improvement in the church property, and the continuance of harmony and peace ; while the spiritual interests are not what are desired.

Fairfield.—This church sends only statistics. It is vacant.

The *First Church of Little Falls* reports through its statistics.

The *Second Church of Little Falls* reports gratitude for many blessings. A new parsonage has been built, and a new pastor has been installed. Unity prevails, and the attendance upon the services is good.

Montville sends a statistical report alone. This church is vacant.

People's Park rejoices in being able to meet all financial obligations, and is hoping and praying for an outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

Pompton.—The narrative states that there is nothing unusual to report. Special meetings following the week of prayer " proved a blessing to the church."

Pompton Plains.—The report says : "God has richly blessed us with a prosperous year." The services are well sustained. " All departments of church work have flourished."

Ponds.—This church reports " a year of phenomenal prosperity." The church and parsonage have been renovated. A new organ has been secured, and there have been other improvements. Attendance on the services has increased, and an excellent spirit prevails.

Preakness.—The report makes special mention of the Centennial celebration in October, and also of internal improvements in the church building. They are hoping for greater spiritual blessings.

Riverside, Paterson, reports "a year of activity." The new church building was dedicated in November. Special evangelistic services, with good results, were held in the winter. In all respects the report is cheerful and hopeful.

Sixth Holland, Paterson, sends only the statistical report.

The *First Church of Paterson* reports, " The year closes with unmis-

takable evidence of Divine favor." The mortgage debt has been reduced. The report indicates spiritual and temporal prosperity.

Union Reformed, Paterson.—The report states that the numerical strength has somewhat decreased. Improvements have been made on church and parsonage. The report indicates a moderate spiritual condition.

Wanaque reports, "The spiritual condition is not encouraging." The Sabbath-school is doing a good work, and the attendance upon the church services has materially increased.

Wyckoff reports, "Nothing that calls for special mention." The usual services have been maintained with a steady attendance. Through uncontrollable circumstances, it is stated, benevolence has suffered. The report further states, "That peace and harmony so pleasant and so profitable, which has been with us for the last ten years, we still rejoice in."

All of which is respectfully submitted.

ALEX. McKELVEY,
Chairman.

Ecclesiastical Changes:—May 15, 1901, the Rev. S. R. Cunningham was installed pastor of the Reformed church of Ponds, at Oakland.

June 3, 1901, the Rev. E. C. Scudder was received from the Classis of New York, and June 25, 1901, was installed pastor of the Reformed church of Wanaque.

Oct. 1, 1901, the pastoral relation between the Rev. C. M. Steffens and the First Church of Little Falls, was dissolved to take effect Nov. 1st.

At the same time the pastoral connection between the Rev. A. Mattice and the Reformed church of Montville, was dissolved to take effect likewise on Nov. 1st.

Oct. 31, 1901, the Rev. John W. TePaske was received by letter from the Classis of Iowa, and arrangements were made for his installation over the Second Reformed Church of Little Falls, as the first pastor of said church. This installation took place Nov. 7.

Jan. 14, 1902, the Rev. Theo. H. Bayles was received by certificate from the Classis of Kingston, and arrangements were made for his installation as pastor, over the First Reformed church of Little Falls, which installation occurred Feb. 4.

Also, on Jan. 14, 1902, the pastoral connection between the Rev. O. L. F. Mohn and the Reformed church of Fairfield, was dissolved to take effect Feb. 1, and brother Mohn was given a letter of dismission to the South Classis of Bergen.

March 10, 1902, the Rev. C. M. Steffens was dismissed to the Presbytery of Dubuque, Iowa.

Apr. 8, 1902, the Rev. John W. Conklin was dismissed to the Classis of Newark.

GEO. W. LABAW,
Stated Clerk.

CLASSIS OF PHILADELPHIA.

The committee on the State of Religion of the Classis of Philadelphia, respectfully submits the following report :

The consistorial reports submitted to us from the various churches of the Classis have been carefully examined, and a comparison of the statistics with those of the previous year, reveals a steady progress along all lines, with the exception of the benevolent contributions which shows a decided falling off. The increase in the numbers of communicants corresponds with that of the number of the families, and as can be seen from the following reports, we have reason to feel encouraged. With the blessing of God manifestly resting upon the work of the past year, we can look forward toward the future in the full assurance of faith, and prepare ourselves for renewed effort.

North and South Hampton.—Reports grateful acknowledgement of the mercy and faithfulness of our Covenant Keeping God, as experienced by them throughout the year. The work has been maintained both temporally and spiritually. Their hearts have been gladdened and hands strengthened through the accession of new subjects of Divine grace into church fellowship and service. All financial obligations have been promptly met, and in a good measure the calls for aid from the Master's world wide field have been responded to.

Harlingen.—The work has been diligently performed and the word of God faithfully and earnestly preached. The Sunday-schools and prayer meetings have been well maintained, and the attendance on the church services has been beyond that of previous years.

Neshanic reports a decrease in the number of families, not that there has been a loss of members, but the instruction of General Synod has been honored in reporting only those who attend or support the church. There is a large number who demand pastoral care, who do not contribute to church support, and yet occasionally attend or send their children to the Sunday-school. The attendance upon divine services, Sunday-schools and prayer meetings has been encouraging. The benevolence of the church remains at about its usual condition. The ladies, aside from church collections, support missionary work

in a special way. The Y. P. S. C. E. is a member of the Missionary League and contributes in other ways to the calls of benevolence. They are endeavoring faithfully to meet all financial obligations, and will do so. This year in August, the church expects to celebrate its 150th anniversary. Entering upon the new year encouraged and hopeful, they look to God trusting he will smile upon them and make their church, as in the past, a helpful blessing to the work of the Redeemer.

First, Philadelphia.—Reports that the word of God has been faithfully proclaimed, but there has been no ingathering, the reason for which they find within themselves rather than with God.

Second, Philadelphia.—Says that the year has been a memorable one, in that the church has celebrated the 50th year of its organization. They have been blessed in many ways; more have been added to the church than for several years. An effort has been made to liquidate the mortgage indebtedness that has rested upon the property for a long time, it has been reduced by $2,000, with the prospect that half of the whole amount will soon be paid. They feel much encouraged and look forward with renewed hope.

Fourth, Philadelphia.—States that their church is in a prosperous condition. The Lord has blessed them with a large increase. Having entered their new building, they are not only actively engaged in trying to pay their debt, but in the greater work in saving souls.

Blawenburgh.—Rejoices in well maintained services, even during depressing winter conditions. A modified form of the systematic benevolence plan has worked admirably the past year. They look to the help of the Holy Spirit for an increase of accessions in the year to come.

Stanton.—There has been a slight increase in the membership of the church. The word of God has been faithfully proclaimed. Divine services well attended; the prayer meetings and Sunday-school have done good work, and there is reason for much encouragement. While the benevolent contributions have not come up to the standard, still a greater interest has been awakened in that direction, which gives hope of a more hearty response.

Clover Hill.—The church has suffered severely by reason of the loss of two important families through death and removal. The church debt has been paid, and a spirit of unity and hopefulness prevails.

Rocky Hill.—Reports, while there has been no accession to the church during the past year, as there was none the year before, we do not feel discouraged; rather our faith takes a firm hold, believing this to be a time of sowing. God will also give us a harvest time. The

church has been without a pastor for two years. Our present pastor began his work July, 1901. Sanctuary services are well attended. While the village is active in manufacturing interests, few of those finding employment here, take any interest in the church or its work. Like many others we suffer from the general complaint, difficulty in meeting our financial obligations, because of deaths and removals of active church members. The Bible School has increased in attendance, interest and offerings. The Missionary Society and that of church workers have shown much zeal during the year. Besides many repairs made, a furnace was placed in the parsonage last fall.

Fifth, Philadelphia.—Reports gratitude to God. The Lord has been their helper in all their undertakings. Death has reaped a larger harvest in their congregation than ever before in the history of the church. Ten communicants the past year have died in the blessed hope of life with Christ. Trusting in God they take courage for the future.

Addisville.—The services have been attended as usual. The year has been one of hopeful effort. Special meetings have been held, but the weather and roads being unfavorable, affecting their attendance, no special interest developed. Harmony has prevailed during the year.

Three Bridges.—The work has been prosecuted with zeal and energy, and the results, though in number of accessions above the average, are not as great as hoped for. It has been a year of peace and quietness. The new year has begun free from any financial obligations resulting from improvements, and the church seems determined to meet promptly every necessary expenditure. The various organizations of the church have been conducted in a fairly satisfactory manner, and they look forward to a larger measure of success.

Talmage Memorial.—Says that work has been patiently and earnestly carried on in all departments of the church. An effort to liquidate the indebtedness has been very successful, and we hope soon to be entirely clear of financial encumbrance. The increase in membership is not large, but there are indications of the Spirit's presence, and we look forward to the future with hope.

South, Philadelphia.—Reports progress, and looks to the future with hopefulness.

Kampen, Wilhemina, Bethany Philadelphia and Grace Reformed.—send statistical reports only.

Ecclesiastical Changes.—On October 8, 1901, Rev. W. L. Johnson, D. D., was received by certificate from the Classis of New York, and subsequently installed as pastor of Grace Reformed church, Orangeburg, S. C.

On Nov. 2, 1901, the Rev. Gustavus E. Gramm finished his earthly life, and entered into life everlasting.

On Dec. 23, 1901, Rev. R. H. Joldersma was dismissed to the Classis of Michigan, within whose bounds he had accepted a call.

On Apr. 8, 1902, Rev. F. M. Kip's pastoral relation to the Reformed church of Harlingen, N. J., was dissolved.

On Apr. 8, 1902, the Rev. William Schmitz was received by certificate from the Classis of Montgomery, and arrangements made for his installation as pastor of the Reformed church of Rocky Hill, N. J.

ADDISON C. BIRD,

Chairman.

CLASSIS OF RARITAN.

Report of the Committee on the State of Religion of the Classis of Raritan:

First Raritan.—From the statistics this church appears to be in a prosperous condition. An increase is noted in the number of families, members and contributions.

Readington.—This church has enjoyed a year of peace, harmony and success; services well sustained; special activity in Sabbath-school work; increased contributions for congregational and benevolent purposes.

Bedminster.—This church reports quiet prosperity; the completion of a new parsonage; services well sustained; also their contributions.

Lebanon.—Waiting upon God in His house has been cheerfully responded to; missionary contributions have almost doubled that of the previous year; the church has suffered loss through removals and death—one of which called forth the tenderest sympathy of Classis. In benevolence the church has responded cheerfully to all worthy objects that have been presented.

Rockaway.—We have enjoyed a year of progress and harmony. The church has been completed and was dedicated on Oct. 11th, 1901. Since that time the congregation has grown considerably, to the extent that we have been forced to add new pews. The cost of the building was $13,300, almost all of which has been provided for. We confidently expect that in sixty days all our indebtedness will be provided for. We have received on confession ten. The Rockaway church is greatly encouraged and is looking toward a bright and fruitful year.

North Branch.—This church seems to proceed in its usual man-

ner. Toiling on with thankfulness to God for past and present mercies, and trusting Him for future blessings.

Second Raritan.—This church report a year of more than usual interest. The week of prayer continued through the following week. Sixteen were received on confession of their faith, which speaks well for this church. The contributions are large, both for congregational and benevolent purposes.

Peapack.—In spiritual matters the church has prospered. The meetings during the week of prayer were well attended, and continued through the following week. Among those received on confession of faith was a lady nearly ninety years of age. Many of our Sunday-school scholars signed pledge cards promising to accept Christ. A debt of $916 has been cancelled since last October. Larger contributions for benevolence have been given than during the year previous.

South Branch.—This church reports prosperity.

Third Raritan.—This church has suffered loss through removals and death. On this account the contributions both to benevolence and congregational purposes have fallen off. Special mention is made of the death of Mrs. Henry Stout, wife of our missionary in Japan.

Pottersville.—From the statistics we notice that ten have been received on confession of faith, as the result of the earnest work accomplished through special services. Contributions for congregational purposes are unusually large.

High Bridge.—This church reports a prosperous year in spiritual and temporal things. They regret exceedingly the resignation of their pastor, the Rev. Chas. L. Lawrence. The Rev. Chas. W. VanZee, Ph.D., has been called to this pastorate, whose ministry is hopeful of rich blessing.

Annandale.—This church reports progress and satisfaction. Increasing attendance upon services and a strengthening of financial condition.

Fourth Raritan.—This church reports ten received on confession. In financial matters this church has suffered through removals and members out of employment, yet they are confidently trusting in Christ.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM JOHNSTON,
HENRY T. JONES,
JAMES I. LUDLOW,
Committee.

STATISTICAL TABLES.

CLASSIS OF BERGEN.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census. Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS. Rec'd. On Confession.	Rec'd. On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	BAP. Infants.	BAP. Adults.	No. of Baptized Non-Communicants.	C. C. & S. S. Catechumens.	C. C. & S. S. Number of Sabbath-Schools.	C. C. & S. S. Total Enrollment.	CONTRIBUTIONS. Benevolent. Denominational Objects.	Benevolent. Other Objects.	Congregational.	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
First, Hackensack	Herman Vanderwart	215	20	3	7	...	1	*500	8	4	.....	150	1	350	$1,167 00	$ 295 00	$5,366 00	Hackensack, N. J.
Schralenburgh	George H. Cotton	110	22	4	4	...	2	197	14	5	.....	.....	1	200	183 51	122 82	2,440 85	Dumont, "
English Neighborhood	Marcus J. Roop	62	2	2	4	...	1	66	4	...	.....	23	1	95	60 10	11 00	1,387 36	Ridgefield, "
New Durham	Isaac W. Gowen	225	62	24	†208	...	8	567	36	19	.....	.....	4	1,510	1,000 00	250 00	4,500 00	Weehawken, "
First, Hoboken	Conrad Bluhm	106	9	14	3	...	1	*189	10	2	.....	40	1	236	41 98	45 63	1,997 92	520 Hudson st., Hoboken.
North Bergen	John Justin	75	5	.....	2	...	2	94	19	...	.....	34	1	475	229 00	54 00	2,235 00	Weehawken, N. J.
Second, Hackensack	Arthur Johnson	230	27	18	5	...	5	481	10	7	.....	.....	2	500	1,277 00	830 00	6,138 00	Hackensack, "
German Ev., Hoboken	John Rudolph	243	35	.....	38	...	20	428	190	8	.....	250	2	700	197 22	808 75	6,100 00	606 Garden st., Hoboken.
Third, Hackensack	John Bombin	77	3	.....	.....	...	3	77	33	...	.....	17	1	150	4 00	.....	1,000 00	Hackensack, N. J.
Closter	Henry Ward, (s. c.)	70	2	1	.....	...	1	131	4	1	.....	90	1	153	211 48	40 00	1,320 00	Closter, "
Palisades	Floris Ferwerda	70	4	.....	2	...	6	64	3	...	.....	14	1	114	68 74	.....	1,398 44	Coytesville, "
Guttenberg	Wm. Manchee, (s.s.)	40	16	3	.....	...	...	85	14	...	.....	160	1	350	43 60	21 00	1,262 04	Passaic, "
Central av., Jers'y City	Charles S. Wright	130	19	9	12	...	1	262	14	2	.....	.....	1	465	198 10	.....	3,550 00	89 Bowers st., Jers'y City.
Cherry Hill	Abram Duryee	65	6	3	11	...	2	112	3	2	.....	.....	1	155	163 09	50 11	2,282 13	Cherry Hill, N. J.
Secaucus	Vacant	15	.....	.....	.....	...	...	20	.....	...	.....	.....	1	50	.....	.....	100 00	Secaucus, "
Spring Valley	Vacant	23	.....	4	.....	...	...	36	.....	...	.....	.....	1	54	93 14	.....	364 66	Maywood, "
Westwood	David M. Talmage	80	6	14	2	...	4	148	4	...	.....	.....	1	270	355 28	41 38	2,283 57	Westwood, "
Oradell	John T. E. DeWitt	60	3	3	11	...	...	71	8	1	.....	100	2	244	168 31	.....	1,755 88	Oradell, "
Hasbrouck Heights	Charles I. Shepard	75	4	9	.....	...	...	109	3	1	.....	105	1	154	58 00	2 57	2,073 44	Hasbrouck Heights, "
Highwood	C. Morton Sciple	60	4	.....	.....	...	...	48	5	1	.....	.....	1	108	37 67	.....	1,138 58	Highwood, "
Rochelle Park	George M. Hunter	24	2	.....	1	...	...	28	.....	...	.....	.....	1	55	20 00	.....	‡2,856 70	Rochelle Park, "
Bogart Mem'l, Bogota	Homer MacMillan	26	.....	2	.....	...	...	35	2	...	.....	.....	1	78	31 00	.....	734 84	Bogota, "
First, West Hoboken	Edward Dawson	123	33	8	.....	...	...	204	12	5	.....	.....	2	769	103 34	45 73	2,601 12	Weehawken, "
	Total	2,204	284	121	310	...	57	3,952	396	58	.....	983	30	7,235	$5,711 56	$2,617 99	$54,886 53	

* Revised roll.

† 204 dismissed to form the new First West Hoboken church.

‡ Includes building fund.

Other Ministers.—James H. Ballagh, Yokohama, Japan.

Candidates.—Robert W. Blake, Carl Krause.

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Bergen	Cornelius Brett, D.D.	377	33	11	16	...	5	724	12	5		400	3	833	$ 958 00	$ 571 00	$9,589 00	797 Bergen Av., Jersey City
First, Bayonne	William H. Boocock	360	9	4	25	...	2	634	13	1		350	2	700	503 89	641 54	7,852 83	763 Ave. C, Bayonne, N. J.
Wayne St , Jers'y City.	{ J. Alex. Brown, (s. c.) { †P. D. VanCleef, D.D.	118	8	4	4	...	1	*219	11	1	.....	31	1	296	579 30	166 90	4,202 77	{ 298 Varick st., Jersey City. { 288 Barrow st., " "
Park, Jersey City..	J. Francis Morgan, A. M.	250	13	19	5	...	6	415	18	2	....	75	1	359	218 60	105 38	4,078 29	281 Pavonia Av., " "
Fifth St., Bayonne	†H. W. F. Jones	112	...	2	8	...	1	*204	.....	.....	.....	134	1	260	81 00	40 00	1,566 94	Bayonne, N. J.
Second, Hudson City	Emil A. Meury	249	15	.....	.....	...	19	546	140	14	.....	112	1	665	369 00	377 03	3,604 19	14 Sherman Pl., " "
Lafayette	Tiuis J. Kommers.	140	6	11	10	1	2	174	3	...	.....	160	1	354	354 69	117 54	4,262 52	278 Pacific Av., " "
Greenville.	Otto L. F. Mohn.	45	5	1	5	...	4	116	2	...	.....	.....	1	233	57 85	31 62	2,822 15	166 Danforth Av., " "
Free, Jersey City	James P. Stofflet	130	18	20	1	...	1	163	7	...	.....	.....	1	256	.....	.....	1,200 00	277 Eighth St., " "
Third, Bayonne	Herbert L. Franzen	69	15	.....	2	..	1	*143	15	...	....	13	1	115	25 00	13 25	877 50	36 W. 21st St., Bayonne, N. J.
First, Ger. Ev., J. City	Louis Nickse	60	9	.....	.....	...	3	*95	8	...	.....	9	1	134	.....	.....	550 00	289 Monmouth St., J'sy City.
St. John's, Ger. "	Gottlieb Andreae	102	30		14	...	12	333	92	4	.....	100	2	360	.....	350 00	2,000 00	48 Fairview Av., " "
	Total	2,012	161	72	90	1	57	3,766	321	27	.....	1,384	16	4,565	$3,147 33	$2,412 26	$42,606 19	

† Pastor Emeritus. * Revised list.

Other Ministers.—Jas. L. Amerman, D.D., Ass't Sec'y Board of Foreign Missions.

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First, Freehold	Abram I. Martine	84	13	2	1	...	1	163	1	1	....	79	2	99	$ 162 51	$ 52 20	$ 1,820 58	Marlboro,	N. J.
Holmdel	Garrett Wyckoff	60	14	1	2	...	1	135	1	8	.....	60	1	90	387 85	9 00	1,401 25	Holmdel,	"
Middletown	Peter K. Hageman	50	2	.....	...	...	1	118	4	1	.....	50	1	75	161 76	11 87	1,157 16	Middletown,	"
Second, Freehold	Isaac P. Brokaw	130	9	5	3	...	6	340	4	2	.....	100	1	295	726 00	100 00	3,244 00	Freehold,	"
Keyport	Floyd Decker	55	5	.....	1	..	...	113	....	4	.....	55	1	80	71 98	.....	1,264 49	Keyport,	"
Long Branch	Bergen B. Staats	855	7	11	1	...	3	155	14	3	.....	104	1	*224	.....	.. ..	1,250 38	Long Branch City,	"
Colts Neck	O. VanBeverhoudt	58	11	1	1	...	1	112	3	5	.....	64	1	75	45 02	10 16	1,453 70	Colts Neck,	"
Highlands	†Vacant	25	...	.....	...	...	...	24	.....	...	.....	26	1	100	13 00	....	....	Highlands,	"
Asbury Park	Willard Conger	84	4	11	3	...	3	140	.....	...	.....	70	1	81	172 76	44 00	2,596 69	Asbury Park,	"
	Total	631	65	31	12	...	16	1,300	27	24	....	608	10	1,119	$1,740 88	$227 23	$14,188 25		

† Last year's report. * Including members of Home Department.

Other Ministers – Elias Mead, Passaic, N. J.; James T. Shock, (s. c.,) Keyport, N. J.; W. H. VanDoren, Griggstown, N. J.

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Belleville	Wm. W. Connet	113	9	10	9	...	2	211	3	4	.....	135	1	215	$ 259 91	$ 71 46	$ 2,462 15	Belleville, N. J.
First Newark	T. J. Lee	150	27	22	7	...	2	303	4	7	.....	.....	2	505	400 00	1,040 00	3,200 00	692 High St., Newark, "
Irvington	Charles L. Lawrence	115	4	3	...	...	2	192	....	1	.....	.....	1	290	101 34	58 00	1,998 16	Irvington, "
New York Avenue	John S. Allen	130	22	10	6	1	2	†252	15	6	.....	.....	1	320	476 40	659 46	2,513 87	100 New York Av., Newark.
Franklin	William Stuart	85	.....	.....	2	...	2	111	2	...	.....	150	1	150	148 30	20 60	1,314 52	Nutley, N. J.
North, Newark	J. I. Vance	525	67	57	11	...	8	1,006	23	17	400	1,485	3	1,648	7,414 84	23,924 27	14,712 90	29 Washington St., Newark.
West, Newark	Carl Girtanner	85	30	.....	.....	...	6	220	150	2	.....	48	1	300	22 00	26 00	1,229 00	35 Blum St., Newark.
Clinton Avenue	Daniel H. Martin	500	24	27	18	...	14	973	22	11	.....	.....	2	804	2,948 96	700 00	12,759 00	19 Stratford Place, Newark.
Trinity	J. N. Morris	162	18	6	.....	...	1	210	18	...	210	.....	1	500	258 62	15 00	2,000 00	483 Ferry St., Newark.
Linden	N. M. Sherwood, (s.s.)	21	2	3	.....	...	...	36	1	...	.....	.....	1	87	....	....	712 44	329 Communipaw av., J. City
Christ	Henry Merle Mellen	110	17	19	5	...	2	†216	7	9	55	.....	1	283	336 40	39 06	3,617 87	Delevan Av., Newark.
Stone House Plains	W. E. Bogardus	45	1	1	.....	...	1	103	.....	...	.....	.....	1	91	191 84	43 65	1,438 99	Brookdale, N. J.
Orange	George S. Bishop	266	34	7	3	...	5	548	9	5	..	.....	1	350	1,218 30	533 66	*3,994 38	20 Burnet St., E. Orange.
Trinity, Plainfield	Cornelius S. Henck	‡265	42	23	15	...	8	†560	24	21	.....	.....	2	590	1,018 75	452 49	6,348 30	Plainfield, N. J.
German, Plainfield	Vacant	38	6	1	2	...	2	80	4	...	.....	6	1	45	20 00	25 00	1,250 00	Plainfield, "
Montclair Heights	Chas. Wyckoff Gulick	40	3	8	1	...	1	†47	5	1	.....	.....	1	80	97 43	42 92	1,237 96	Upper Montclair, "
	Total	2,650	306	197	79	1	59	5,068	487	84	665	1,814	21	6,665	$17,124 09	$27,651 57	$60,609 54	

‡ Revised. * Exclusive of Pastor's support. † Roll revised.

Other Ministers.—Charles E. Hart. D.D., New Brunswick, N. J.; Oscar Gesner, Linden, N. J.: M. G. Hansen, 113 William St., E. Orange, N. J.; Jas. C. Garretson, 470 Monroe Ave., Elizabeth, N. J.

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First, New Brunswick.	P. Theo. Pockman...	275	26	10	16	1	14	646	19	5	.....	130	1	413	$1,764 77	$ 1 032 58	$4,222 73	219 Townsend St. N. Bruns'k
Six Mile Run	Clifford P. Case..	110	3	2	2	...	3	254	7	1	.....	218	5	218	860 00	39 53	1,622 28	Franklin Park, N. J.
Hillsborough	Theodore Shafer.....	145	16	6	6	...	6	310	5	2	.....	50	7	250	310 39	71 57	1,549 00	Millstone, "
Middlebush	James LeFevre.....	62	4	7	5	...	3	113	....	1	.....	85	1	110	390 00	445 00	1,741 00	Middlebush, "
Griggstown	James L. Southard.	50	.....	.....	3	...	2	101	1	...	.....	50	1	63	151 17	18 00	740 19	Griggstown, "
Second, New Brunsw'k	M. H. Hutton. (s. c.)	167	13	9	9	...	5	384	6	1	.....	186	2	258	1,295 00	844 00	5,808 00	26 Union St., N. Brunswick.
Bound Brook	Chas. T. Anderson...	70	12	12	1	...	...	172	3	4	.....	194	1	253	91 10	14 21	1,382 91	South Bound Brook, N. J.
Third, New Brunsw'k	Vacant	.....	.....	.....	...	...	...	.....	...	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	New Brunswick, "
East Millstone	Henry Lockwood.....	86	10	9	...	...	2	146	1	5	.....	..... .	1	75	124 60	27 57	1,639 77	East Millstone, "
Metuchen	Ed. V. V. Searle.....	73	5	5	8	...	4	175	1	2	...	85	1	135	44 54	11 00	2.156 32	Metuchen, "
Suydam St, N. Bruns'k	Alan D. Campbell....	60	3	2	5	...	4	251	9	1	.....	183	1	183	526 25	32 15	2.714 12	146 Livingston Av., N. B'k.
Highland Park.....	Alex. S. VanDyck....	43	2	1	...	...	...	85	6	1	.....	99	1	125	142 36	....	1.180 71	Highland Park, N. Bruns'k.
Spotswood	Paul J. Strohauer ...	44	.....	.....	2	...	1	114	.....	...	.....	..... .	1	72	23 00	19 00	918 82	Spotswood, N. J.
	Total	1,185	94	63	57	1	44	2,751	58	23	.....	1,280	23	2,157	$5 723 18	$2 554 59	$25.705 85	

Other Ministers.—Jacob Cooper, New Brunswick, N. J.; W. H. Steele, Newark, N. J.; E. S. Booth, Yokohama, Japan; E. Lord, Patchogue, N. Y. H. D'B. Mulford, N. Brunswick, N. J.; John DeWitt, Colorado Springs, Col.; A. F. Todd, Dunellen, N. J.; J. B. Thompson, 20 Wall St., Trenton, N. J.; G. M. S. Blauvelt, Roselle, N J.; H. E. Studley, Amoy, China; J. O. Bayles, New Brunswick, N. J.; E. T. Corwin, 39 College Ave., New Brunswick, N. J.

Candidates.—A. G. VanAken, Jamesburg, N. J.

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Acquackanonck	Ame Vennema	196	14	18	11	...	3	438	10	2	206	315	1	355	$ 1,633 40	$ 481 88	†40,265 28	Passaic, N. J.
Centerville	N. H. VanArsdale, D.D.	35	1	3	.....	...	...	47	10	1	.....	20	1	109	37 00	18 50	741 15	Athenia, "
Clarkstown	Garret N. Couover	80	5	.....	7	3	1	157	...	2	.....	.....	2	125	59 20	35 00	1,662 85	West Nyack, N. Y.
Clifton	J. L. Elsworth	75	17	11	.....	...	...	120	5	6	.....	...	1	258	47 00	50 00	1,760 00	Clifton, N. J.
Garfield	Eugene Hill	45	8	2	.....	...	...	*56	3	...	.....	84	1	165	10 49	.....	824 38	Garfield, "
Glen Rock	Jas. Jongeneel, (s s.)	20	3	2	...	...	1	27	.....	2	.....	44	1	44	6 23	.....	294 72	Ridgewood, "
Hawthorne	J E. Grant	30	5	2	4	...	...	50	2	..	25	...	1	120	9 00	.....	1,150 00	Hawthorne, "
Lodi, First Holland	Tunis H. Hoonte	83	.....	2	1	...	3	184	20	...	170	130	1	160	15 00	.....	1,000 00	Lodi, "
Lodi, Second	Robt. M. Offord, (s. s.)	43	7	7	1	...	3	84	15	1	60	.	1	200	40 00	40 00	2,000 00	Passaic, "
Nyack	Vacant	170	14	11	22	...	13	355	1	3	.....	150	1	.....	422 47	169 33	8,026 08	.....
Paramus	Wm. H. Vroom, D.D.	100	3	8	3	...	6	185	3	...	.....	100	1	154	226 97	10 33	1,744 88	Ridgewood, N. J.
Pascack	Edward Lodewick	100	3	7	1	...	5	145	12	2	.....	...	1	200	140 14	30 50	2,040 24	Park Ridge, "
Passaic, 1st Holland	Martin F ipse	260	21	13	5	4	7	458	40	1	.....	250	1	425	204 00	275 00	4,500 00	Passaic, "
Passaic, North	J. H. Whitehead	110	9	12	1	...	3	332	11	3	.....	200	1	361	1,144 98	498 05	7,529 01	35 Hamilton av., Passaic. "
Paterson, Broadway	Elias W Thompson	119	6	3	2	...	3	231	4	1	.....	75	1	280	599 94	170 33	5,057 43	Paterson, "
" 1st Holland	Fred. G. Dekker	135	10	5	3	2	4	265	24	...	230	140	1	200	120 00	104 00	2,048 00	50 Clinton St. Paterson, "
" North	Vacant	34	3	.....	1	...	1	22	.....	...	.....	.....	1	91	20 00	.....	342 84	.....
" Second	T. W. Welles, DD. (s.c.)	170	5	.....	.....	...	2	275	14	...	.....	100	1	400	241 46	545 07	3,330 19	79 Hamilton Av., Paterson.
Piermont	H. C. Hasbrouck	56	1	1	1	...	1	98	.....	...	.....	.....	1	76	157 00	5 38	1,763 00	Piermont, N. Y.
Ramapo	L Van denBurg	52	12	3	4	...	2	120	2	1	.....	.....	2	210	103 65	41 91	1,762 36	Mahwah, N. J.
Ramsays	Vacant	..	.....	...	...	...	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Ridgewood	J. A. VanNeste	130	6	10	6	...	2	272	5	4	.....	.....	1	254	989 58	215 48	§8,284 48	Ridgewood, N. J.
Saddle River	I. VanKampen	80	4	.....	5	...	1	85	1	2	.....	45	1	95	57 93	56 00	1,470 41	Saddle River, "
Spring Valley	C. E. Crispell	80	2	4	.....	...	2	115	2	...	56	112	1	155	426 00	18 89	1,205 15	Spring Valley, N. Y.
Tappan	Vacant	*64	.....	.....	6	...	3	112	...	...	.....	...	2	146	12 00	.....	2,170 24	.....
Warwick	Taber Knox	155	6	1	1	...	3	274	3	...	102	100	+4	260	1,197 80	413 29	2,968 96	Warwick, N. Y.
West New Hempstead	Henry W. Brink	45	.....	.....	3	...	...	90	.....	...	27	25	1	78	71 50	.....	631 15	Spring Valley, "
Wortendyke, Holland	Vacant	72	10	3	.....	...	4	165	19	...	150	65	1	118	59 72	18 92	980 54	.....
	Total	2,539	175	128	88	9	73	4,762	206	31	1,026	1,955	33	5,039	$8,052 46	$3,177 86	$105,553 34	

* Revised list. † Excluding interest on vested funds; including $36,286.24 on new church building and site. § Includes $2,400 on acct. of new pipe organ, and $700 for improvements on parsonage. ‡ Three are summer schools.

Other Ministers.—Cornelius R. Blauvelt, Ph.D., Nyack, N. Y.; Albert A. King, Mahwah, N. J.; Thos. S. Dusinberre, Pine Plains, N. Y.; W. Luback, Cedar Grove, Wis.; Matthew N. Oliver, Marbletown, N. Y.; William Guthrie Myles, 139 Shippen St., Weehawken, N. J.; P. P. Cheff, Harrison, Oklahoma; D. Cornelius Ruigh, Amoy, China.

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Boonton	Alex. McKelvey	61	.....	2	2	...	1	86	4	...	.....	.....	1	107	$ 214 67	.....	$1,525 00	Boonton, N. J.
Fairfield	Vacant	50	2	.....	1	...	2	87	1	...	.....	.....	1	100	12 53	.....	1,211 17	Fairfield, Essex Co., "
Little Falls, First	Theodore F. Bayles	100	3	1	1	...	3	170	....	1	.....	205	1	205	301 48	2 50	1,695 68	Little Falls, "
Little Falls, Second	John W. TePaske	50	2	2	...	...	1	42	4	1	.....	85	1	75	60 20	9 00	1,170 00	" " "
Montville	Vacant	50	1	.....	5	...	3	95	2	1	.....	.....	1	70	22 00	.....	2,166 42	Boonton, "
People's Park, Pat'son	John Smit..	126	1	5	2	5	5	225	1	...	.....	156	1	170	41 63	145 16	1,784 89	Paterson, "
Pompton	Ferdinand S Wilson	130	13	6	2	...	5	229	46	8	.....	.....	2	285	422 52	155 65	2,350 07	Riverdale, Morris Co., "
Pompton Plains	Jasper S. Hogan	152	12	3	5	...	2	294	19	7	.....	.....	4	420	621 72	74 19	2,041 85	Pompton Plains, " "
Ponds	S. R. Cunningham	52	4	1	2	...	1	*51	5	4	.....	.....	1	65	34 18	.....	3,400 02	Oakland, Bergen Co., "
Preakness	G. W. Labaw, S. C.	40	....	...	...	...	1	87	....	...	....	135	2	135	85 18	159 35	1,733 41	R. F. D., Route 1, Paterson.
Riverside, Paterson	John B Church	132	25	7	6	...	3	171	5	3	.....	.....	1	490	110 67	15 30	4.999 66	37 East 15th St., "
Sixth, Holland, "	E. VanHetloo	525	15	5	2	...	8	750	65	...	.....	430	1	500	222 00	884 00	4.428 65	Paterson, "
Totowa, First, "	Thos. Powell Vernoll	150	17	8	11	3	7	327	17	4	.....	275	1	400	487 42	157 02	4.750 81	" "
Union Reform'd "	Helenus E. Nies.	205	8	6	4	...	2	390	30	...	.....	165	1	300	80 50	307 28	2.231 12	" "
Wanaque	E. C. Scudder	37	1	3	3	...	...	40	1	1	.....	.....	1	134	36 45	59 05	861 85	Wanaque, "
Wyckoff	A. Westveer	68	4	3	2	...	4	138	4	...	.....	20	1	72	97 35	18 00	1.073 00	Wyckoff, Bergen, Co., "
	Total	1,928	108	52	48	8	48	3,183	204	30	.....	1,471	21	3,528	$2 850 50	$1,986 50	$37.423 60	

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Other Ministers.—Louis J. Lockwood, Ghent, N Y.

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No. & So. Hampton.	Horace P. Craig	100	23	1	11	...	3	†193	7	14	.....	271	4	317	$ 306 71	$ 27 50	$1,498 00	Churchville, Pa.
Harlingen	Vacant	110	3	4	3	1	3	229	6	...	85	134	‡4	196	207 80	30 00	1,220 33	Harlingen, N. J.
Neshanic	John Hart	110	3	4	12	...	3	193	6	1	100	.....	4	214	288 37	31 58	1,200 00	Neshanic, "
First, Philadelphia	P. H. Milliken	122	.....	.....	3	...	4	178	1	...	100	150	1	220	882 00	30 00	....	1433 Poplar St., Phila. Pa,
Second, "	W. H. Williamson	110	12	1	4	...	3	191	5	2	....	136	1	283	125 00	69 50	4,189 60	811 N. 7th St., " "
Fourth, "	P. J. Kain	274	55	6	4	...	5	497	26	7	250	500	1	568	375 00	.....	9,828 08	Manayunk Av. & Martin St., Rox-
Blawenburgh	John S. VanOrden	64	1	1	.....	...	1	144	4	...	.....	80	1	90	112 99	.....	888 70	Blawenburgh, N. J. [boro, Phila.
Stanton	Addison C. Bird	81	4	4	4	...	2	152	1	...	35	17	1	72	57 83	7 69	804 17	Stanton, "
Clover Hill	Peter Bruce	60	6	1	5	...	2	103	1	5	.....	.....	1	60	50 93	4 25	626 05	Clover Hill, "
Rocky Hill	Wm. Schmitz, (P. E.)	80	.....	.....	3	...	3	†90	.....	...	32	60	1	117	124 00	5 00	910 00	Rocky Hill, "
Fifth, Philadelphia	C. F. C. Suckow	172	4	.....	1	...	10	†230	28	1	.....	16	1	263	190 64	93 68	2,603 86	2223 E. Susq. Av., Phila, Pa.
Addisville	Sidney O. Lawsing	58	7	3	1	...	1	130	1	2	.....	.	2	192	219 00	.....	1,113 00	Richboro, "
Three Bridges	Oscar M. Voorhees	83	15	6	2	...	5	176	4	8	33	45	1	100	104 96	9 27	797 33	Three Bridges, N. J.
Talmage Memorial	H. C. Willoughby	98	3	4	1	...	2	180	7	...	83	10	1	294	232 84	....	2,631 62	387 Conarroe St., Roxboro, Phila.
South, Philadelphia.	W. J. Skillman. (S. S.)	10	4	.....	.....	...	...	14	45	1	.....	.....	1	80	5 00	.....	302 07	462 Lyceum Av., " "
Kampen	*Vacant	13	4	.....	.....	...	1	22	1	...	59	35	1	34	13 15	.....	88 42	Westover, Md.
Wilhemina	Vacant	6	1	2	.....	...	...	11	.....	...	6	.....	.....	.....	11 32	2 80	12 45	Bethlehem, "
Bethany, Phila	Vacant	16	9	.....	.....	...	...	29	.....	...	.....	.....	1	50	11 00	.....	448 79	Roxboro, Phila , Pa.
Grace, Orangeburg, [S. C.	W. L. Johnson	23	6	1	.....	...	...	49	11	1	47	65	1	85	5 00	20 00	51 21	Orangeburg, S. C.
	Total	1,600	160	38	54	1	48	2,811	114	42	830	1,519	28	3,241	$3,323 54	$331 27	$29,213 68	

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Other Ministers.—Rev. N. I. M. Bogert, Metuchen, N. J. Francis M. Kip, S. C., Harlingen, N J.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census. Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS. Rec'd. On Confession.	Rec'd. On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	BAP. Infants	BAP. Adults.	No. of Baptized Non-Communicants.	C. C. & S. S. Catechumens.	Number of Sabbath-Schools.	Total Enrolment.	CONTRIBUTIONS. Benevolent. Denominational Objects.	Benevolent. Other Objects	Congregational.	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
First, Raritan	Wm. S. Cranmer	220	9	12	12	...	10	465	7	3	.	200	1	300	$1,122 84	$ 113 46	$6,576 43	Somerville, N. J.
Readington	B. V. D. Wyckoff	150	2	1	9	...	4	284	3	1	.	110	4	175	188 90	51 55	1,310 64	Readington, "
Bedminster	T. W. Jones	115	2	7	4	...	1	230	6	...	.....	.....	1	180	501 51	51 85	2,958 61	Bedminster, "
Lebanon	Wm. E. Davis, (s. c.)	‡180	2	2	3	...	10	330	2	1	.....	.....	5	370	112 70	70 40	1,889 36	Lebanon, "
Rockaway	Henry T. Jones	†95	10	10	6	...	...	144	4	5	.....	.....	3	148	120 08	.....	1,150 00	White House, "
North Branch	P. M. Doolittle, D.D.	109	....	10	7	...	5	163	5	...	.....	60	1	70	348 79	102 12	1,187 96	North Branch, "
Second Raritan	E. G. Read, D.D.	247	16	13	13	...	12	642	4	6	.....	.....	1	710	1,457 99	129 25	5,105 23	Somerville, "
Peapack	Wm. Johnston	116	3	8	7	...	3	195	8	1	.....	10	1	170	70 32	92 50	†2,439 44	Peapack, "
South Branch	I. Sperling	110	1	5	12	1	2	181	7	...	110	45	3	150	253 70	17 00	1,076 87	South Branch, "
Third, Raritan	Wm. H. DeHart, D.D	110	2	8	9	...	3	268	4	...	.....	125	1	304	469 50	27 61	1,987 19	Raritan, "
Pottersville	Wilmer McNair, (s.s.)	49	10	1	4	...	...	95	6	3	.... .	.....	1	105	39 69	8 00	1,157 87	Pottersville, "
High Bridge	Chas. W. VanZee, Ph.D.	*118	3	2	3	..	2	129	....	...	.....	.....	1	154	24 00	.....	1,607 29	High Bridge, "
Annandale	J. F. Williamson	103	.....	3	6	...	2	117	...	...	.... .	.....	1	130	50 94	.....	801 81	Annandale, "
Fourth, Raritan	F Koechli	‡76	10		...	...	2	145	18	...	.....	10	.....	.... .	50 00	15 00	750 00	Somerville, "
	Total	1,798	70	82	95	1	56	3,388	74	20	110	560	24	2,966	$4,810 96	$678 74	$29,908 70	

‡ Revised. † $900 to clear church debt. * Last year's report.

Other Ministers.— Henry Stout, D.D., Nagasaki, Japan; John F. Mesick D.D., 236 East Market St., York, Pa.; Charles H. Pool, D.D., Somerville, N. J.; Andrew J. Hageman, Somerville, N. J.; A. McWilliam, Somerville, N. J.; Minor Swick, Somerville, N. J.; H P. Lyman-Wheaton, D.D., White House N. J.

CLASSES.	Churches.	Ministers	Candidates.	Census. Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS. Rec'd. On Confession.	Rec'd. On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	BAP. Infants.	Adults.	No. of Baptized Non-Communicants.	C. C. & S. S. Catechumens.	Number of Sabbath-Schools.	Total Enrolment.	CONTRIBUTIONS. Benevolent. Denominational Objects.	Other Objects.	Congregational.	STATED CLERKS.
Bergen	23	22	2	2,204	284	121	310	...	57	3,952	396	58	.....	983	30	7 235	$ 5,711 56	$ 2,617 99	$54,886 53	Henry Ward.
South Bergen	12	4	...	2 012	161	72	90	1	57	3,766	321	27	.....	1 384	16	4 565	3,147 33	2,412 26	42,606 19	J. Alex. Brown.
Monmouth	9	1	...	631	65	31	12	...	16	1,300	27	24	.....	608	10	1,119	1,740 88	227 23	14,188 25	Jas. T. Schock.
Newark	16	9	...	2 650	306	197	79	1	59	5,068	487	84	665	1,814	21	6,668	17,124 09	27,651 57	60,609 54	J. S. Allen.
New Brunswick	13	24	1	1 185	94	63	57	1	44	2,751	58	23	...	1,280	23	2,157	5,723 18	2,554 59	25,705 85	Mancius H. Hutton.
Paramus	28	1	...	2 539	175	128	88	9	73	4,762	206	31	1,026	1,955	33	5,039	8,052 46	3,177 86	105,553 34	Theo. W. Welles.
Passaic	16	15	...	1 928	108	52	48	8	48	3,183	204	30	.....	1,471	21	3 528	2,850 50	1,986 50	37,423 60	George W Labaw.
Philadelphia	19	17	...	1,600	160	38	54	1	48	2,811	114	42	830	1,519	28	3 241	3,247 54	331 27	29,213 68	Francis M. Kip.
Raritan	14	21	...	1 798	70	82	95	1	56	3,388	74	20	110	560	24	2,966	4,810 96	678 74	29,998 70	Wm. E. Davis.
Total	150	174	3	16,547	943	784	833	22	458	30,981	1,887	339	2,631	11,584	206	36,518	$52,408 50	$41,638 01	$400.185 68	

ARTICLE VI.

CLASSICAL MINUTES.

The Committee on Classical Minutes made their report. It was adopted and is as follows:

The Committee on Classical Minutes beg leave to report that Minutes of all the Classes have been received. All are reported kept correctly. The answers to the Constitutional Questions are as follows:

Classis of Bergen.—22 Churches.
2nd Question 4 Yes. 12 No. 6 No report.
3rd " 13 Yes. 3 No. 6 No report.

South Classis of Bergen.—12 Churches.
2nd Question 5 Yes. 5 No. 2 No report.
3rd " 10 Yes. 2 No report.

Classis of Monmouth.—9 Churches.
2nd Question 2 Yes. 4 No. 3 No report.
3rd " 6 Yes. 3 No report.

Classis of Newark.—16 Churches.
2nd Question 13 Yes. 2 No. 1 No report.
3rd " 15 Yes. 1 No report.

Classis of New Brunswick.—13 Churches.
All Yes to both Questions.

Classis of Paramus.—28 Churches.
2nd Question 13 Yes. 11 No. 3 No report.
3rd " 25 Yes. 3 No report.

Classis of Passaic.—14 Churches.
2nd Question 5 Yes. 9 No.
3rd " All Yes.

Classis of Philadelphia.—19 Churches.
2nd Question 7 Yes. 8 No. 4 No report.
3rd " 6 Yes. 1 No. 12 No report.

Classis of Raritan.—14 Churches.
2nd Question 4 Yes. 7 No. 3 No report.
3rd " 10 Yes. 1 No. 3 No report.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

N. H. VAN ARSDALE,
P. M. DOOLITTLE,
H. P. DEMAREST.

ARTICLE VII.

CLASSICAL APPEALS.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE VIII.

CLASSICAL REFERENCES.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE IX.

CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS.

Attended to.

ARTICLE X.

SYNODICAL INJUNCTIONS.

Attended to.

ATTICLE XI.

BENEVOLENT BOARDS.

The Committee on Systematic Beneficence reported as follows:

We note that the average contribution to our denominational benevolent work from the churches of this Synod, the year now closed, is only $1.07 per member. When it is remembered this includes the contributions of hundreds of non-church members, many of whom give not illiberally, and also of all the children of our Sunday-schools, many of whose parents from whom the majority receive the money they do give, have no connection themselves with the churches, and when we remember that our church has its full share of the world's wealth, this average is not flattering to the pride of the church. The church has not begun to give with any due proportion to its ability. Much is said, circulars are constantly coming from General Synod's committee on Systematic Benevolence, and their efforts have no doubt inspired hundreds of church members more than formerly to give a tithed proportion of their income to the Lord's work. But we know that the results are not what they should be. Your committee would submit that what is needed to bring results nearer to what our privileges demand is, not only systematic giving, but the systematic giving of information. The women of the churches receive immense

credit for accomplishing the telling results they do, and why do they accomplish so much? Principally because they are systematic in giving and receiving information as to details in work that take hold of heart and sympathy. We all are inspired to give in proportion to the practical knowledge we have; our churches need that heart warming information more than they need appeals merely for money. Your committee believes that the next great need is the systematic training of the boys and the girls in giving out of their own spending money or money earned by definite labor, even though it may be in some instances less than they now appear to give through begging, children's fairs and such devices. The methods so often devised to secure contributions for benevolences from children tend not so much to the building up of the church as they do to the educating of Christian beggars. They tend to make our growing youth believe the praiseworthy thing is to get money out of their friends rather than to give of the money that is their own. Our work among the children in this line should be first of all, educational (teaching them how to give and the joy of it) rather than an effort to teach them to tap other people's tills through feasts and fairs. In some cases it might reduce temporarily the contributions through our boys and girls, but those same young people would be worth many times more to the church a dozen years hence than they will under what seems to your committee a mistaken method, so often now pushed by the trainers of the young in our churches. Systematic beneficence will grow with systematic giving and receiving of information and systematic training of the young in personal giving.

TABER KNOX,
W. E. DAVIS.

ARTICLE XII.

TREASURER.

The Treasurer presented his annual report of receipts and disbursements as follows:

Dr. Particular Synod of New Brunswick, in Acct. with I. P. Brokaw, Treas. Cr.

1901.			1901.		
May 7.	—By balance brought forward	$188 95	May 8.	—To expenses Rev. Dr. Vroom, Chm'n Com. State of Religion	$ 2 50
1902.			" 8.	—To Sexton's fee	5 00
	By excess expenses of Dr. Milliken returned	12	" 9.	—To exp's Dr. Milliken, rep. Board	2 00
Feb. 22.	—By assessment Classis Raritan	15 00	" 11.	—To expenses Dr. Leggett, address before Synod	2 50
"	—By assessment Classis Monmouth	8 00	June 1.	—Salary St. Clerk and Treasurer	50 00
Mar. 15.	—By assessment Classis Newark	28 00	20.	—To printing minutes 1901	89 15
" 24.	—By assessment Classis South Bergen	15 00	28.	—To expressage and postage, 1900-1	5 50
" 27.	—By assessment Classis Paramus	30 00	1902.		
" 27.	—By assessment Classis Passaic	10 00	Apl. 26.	—Binding Vol. III, Minutes	1 40
Apl. 2.	—By assessment Classis Philadelphia	12 00			$158 05
"	—By assessment Classis New Brunswick	18 00		Balance	$184 02
"	—By assessment Classis Bergen	17 00			
		$342 07			$342 07

The report with vouchers was referred to the Committee on Accounts who examined it and found it correct. Their report was adopted and the Treasurer was authorized to lay the usual apportionment of the expenses of Synod upon the Classes.

ARTICLE XIII.

PARTICULARIA.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered immediately after the opening of the Synod, the President conducting the service, assisted by Elders D. P. VanBrakle, Andrew Smith, Valentine P. Buck and V. M. W. Suydam.

The Synod took a recess at 5.30 P. M. on Monday and were entertained at supper in the Lecture Room by the ladies of the church. The evening session began at 8 o'clock, and the hour of 9 o'clock was fixed for the opening of the session on Wednesday morning, the first half hour and more of which was occupied with earnest devotional exercises, under the leadership of the Vice-president.

The special address before Synod was given according to appoint-

ment by Rev. W. H. Boocock, on the topic, "The Federation of the churches and the Specialization of the Ministry." The Synod expressed its appreciation of this timely and thoughtful address by a hearty vote of thanks.

Rev. Dr. Denis Wortman addressed the Synod on Wednesday morning in the interests of the Disabled Minister's Fund. The Synod by resolution, cordially endorsed his effort to interest all the churches in contributions for the maintenance of the fund, and to raise $200,000 for its endowment.

Rev. C. L. Wells, D. D., appeared before Synod in behalf of the Foreign Work. Rev. J. I. Vance, D. D., addressed the Synod upon the work of the Domestic Board. Rev. J. G. Gebhard, Secretary of the Board of Education, was invited to present its interests. The Synod by resolution, assured these brethren of their hearty sympathy with the Boards; their gratitude to God for the hopeful outlook, and requested its churches to give them their fullest and most loyal support.

The Synod, at the suggestion of Dr. Wortman, resolved to unite with the other Particular Synods in extending an invitation to President Roosevelt to attend the next session of General Synod, and asked Dr. Wortman to be their spokesman.

The Committee on Nominations made the following report:

To deliver the address at the meeting of Particular Synod, May, 1903, the Rev. Thomas Powell Vernol, Primarius, the Rev. Wm. Stockton Cranmer, Secundus. The subject to be selected by the speaker.

JASPER S. HOGAN,
Chairman.

The report was adopted.

The Stated Clerk was authorized to strike out the following Lemmata or Articles, viz: IX, Church Government; X, Doctrines and Morals; XI, Customs and Usages, and to change the numbers of those following accordingly.

The Synod adopted a resolution of thanks for the hospitality shown them by Trinity Reformed church, its pastor officers, and the members of the congregation, and requested the President to express the same at the dinner table in the hearing of the ladies there present.

ARTICLE XIV.

DELEGATES TO GENERAL SYNOD.

The nominations of the Classes were confirmed as follows:

CLASSIS OF BERGEN.

PRIMARII.

Rev. John Bombin,	Elder, J. C. Meharg,
" Geo. H. Cotton,	" J. J. VauWagner,
" J. T. E. DeWitt,	" Geo. Baker,
" Charles I. Shepard.	" Henry Bell.

SECUNDI.

Rev. A. Duryee,	Elder, Henry C. Steinhoff,
" M. J. Roop,	" Isaac D. Bogert,
" Conrad Bluhm,	" Peter Bogart,
" Floris Ferwerda,	" T. R. Ennis.

SOUTH CLASSIS OF BERGEN.

PRIMARII.

Rev. J. Francis Morgan,	Elder, N. M. Whipple,
" J. Alex. Brown,	" Jas. Benny,
" Louis Nickse,	" Jacob Ringle.

SECUNDI.

Rev. O. L. F. Mohn,	Elder, D. W. Oliver,
" J. P. Stofflet,	" W. T. Francis,
" G. Andreae,	" John Kohlman.

CLASSIS OF MONMOUTH.

PRIMARII.

Rev. Peter K. Hageman,	Elder, Chas. Tindall,
" Bergen B. Staats,	" Joseph Sutphen,
" A. I. Martine,	" D. R. Hobart.

SECUNDI.

Rev. O. VanBeverhoudt,	Elder, Wm. H. Foster,
" Willard Conger,	" J. H. VanMater,
" Floyd Decker,	" B. Decker, Jr.

CLASSIS OF NEWARK.

PRIMARII.

Rev. C. W. Gulick,	Elder, Jas. VanWinkle,
" W. W. Conner,	" C. H. Nevius,
" H. M. Mellen,	" Robert Clark.

SECUNCI.

Rev. Oscar Gesner,	Elder, J. M. Schorb,
" Geo. S. Bishop, D. D.,	" A. R. Hopkins,
" Carl Girtanner,	" S. I. McCawley.

CLASSIS OF NEW BRUNSWICK.

PRIMARII.

Rev. Alex. S. VanDyck,	Elder, Martin M. Staats,
" John O. Bayles,	" Chas. VanNuis,
" Henry D. B. Mulford,	" Theo. Skillman.

SECUNDI.

Rev. P. Theo. Pockman, D. D.,	Elder, Jas. A. Covert,
" Theo. Shafer,	" B. W. Edgar,
" Jas. LeFevre, D. D.,	" Jas. Fountain.

CLASSIS OF PARAMUS.

PRIMARII.

Rev. Elias W. Thompson,	Elder, Wm. L. Williams,
" Fred G. Dekker,	" Isaac Hopper,
" Theo. W. Welles, D. D.,	" Peter H. VanWagoner,
" H. C. Hasbrouck,	" John C. Haring,
" Lodewickus Vandenbergh,	" John I. Henion.

SECUNDI.

Rev. Isaac VanKampen, Ph. D.,	Elder, Jas. H. DeBaun,
" Cor's E. Crispell, D. D.,	" Andrew Smith,
" Taber Knox,	" Henry P. Demarest,
" Henry W. Brink,	" Lawrence D. N. Coe,
" Ame Vennema,	" Wilberforce VanSlyke.

CLASSIS OF PASSAIC.

PRIMARII.

Rev. Geo. W. Labaw,	Elder, A. Beusen,
" F. S. Wilson,	" John F. Post,
" J. B. Church,	" Schuyler Hopper.

SECUNDI.

Rev. A. Westveer,	Elder, Richard Vanderbeck,
" T. P. Vernoll,	" John G. Hopper,
" J. Smit,	" P. D. Westerhoff.

CLASSIS OF PHILADELPHIA.

PRIMARII.

Rev. Wm. Schmitz,	Elder, A. T. Lewis,
" C. F. C. Suckow,	" F. W. Hoffman,
" S. O. Lawsing,	" Isaac Bennett.

SECUNDI.

Rev. O. M. Voorhees,	Elder, J. Q. Higgins,
" H. C. Willoughby,	" Wm. Hamilton,
" W. J. Skillman,	" F. A. Bartholomay.

CLASSIS OF RARITAN.

PRIMARII.

Rev. John F. Williamson,	Elder, Jacob F. Fox,
" F. Koechli,	" Jacob Roller,
" Minor Swick,	" Ira Voorhees.

SECUNDI.

Rev. A. J. Hageman,	Elder, Jacob K. DeMott,
" A. MacWilliam,	" Peter G. Schomp,
" H. P. Lyman-Wheaton, D. D.,	" Eugene Hoffman.

ARTICLE XV.

INSTRUCTIONS TO DELEGATES.

None were given.

ARTICLE XVI.

ADJOURNMENT.

Synod adjourned at 12.30 P. M. of the second day of the session, to hold its next annual meeting in the First Reformed Church of New Brunswick, on the first Tuesday of May, 1903, at 3 o'clock P. M.

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The Particular Synod of New Brunswick met in Stated Session in e First Reformed church of New Brunswick, N. J., on Tuesday, May 1, 1903, at 3 P. M., and remained in session until Wednesday, 12.30 M.

FORMATION OF SYNOD.

ARTICLE I.

OPENING OF THE SYNOD.

The Synod was opened with prayer by the President, Rev. Henry rd, who also preached the sermon on Tuesday evening, from the ; 1 Cor. 1:27,—"But God hath chosen the foolish things of the ld to confound the wise, and God hath chosen the weak things of world to confound the things which are mighty."

ARTICLE II.

MEMBERS PRESENT.

lassis of Bergen.—Ministers, Charles I. Shepard, A. Duryee, M. oop, Floris Ferwerda. Elder, Abram Doremus.

outh Classis of Bergen.—Minister, W. H. Boocock.

lassis of Monmouth.—Ministers, B. B. Staats, A. I. Martine, O. Beverhoudt, G. Wyckoff. Elders, C. P. VanDerveer, James H. d.

lassis of Newark.—Ministers, George S. Bishop, William Stuart, n S. Allen.

Classis of New Brunswick.—Ministers, Theodore Shafer, P. T. Pockman, John A. Thomson. Elders, P. H. Wyckoff, H. W. Hoagland.

Classis of Paramus.—Ministers, Garret M. Conover, J. Edward Grant.

Classis of Passaic.—Ministers, George W. Labaw, J. B. Church. Elder, G. A. DeBaun.

Classis of Philadelphia.—Ministers, Peter Bruce, John Hart, P. J. Kain, A. C. Bird. Elders, W. N. Reed, A. W. Givin, S. D. Opie.

Classis of Raritan.—Ministers, Isaac Sperling, W. H. DeHart, C. W. VanZee. Elders, Garret V. Staats, George A. West.

ARTICLE III.

OFFICERS.

Rev. P. Theodore Pockman, D. D., was elected President.

Rev. A. I. Martine was elected Vice President.

Rev's O. VanBeverhoudt and M. J. Roop were elected Temporary Clerks.

ARTICLE IV.

MINUTES AND BEQUEST OF REV. ELIAS VAN BENSCHOTEN.

These were read.

Acts of the Synod.

ARTICLE I.

RULES OF ORDER.

These were read.

ARTICLE II.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

The following were appointed:

On Synodical Minutes.—Rev's C. I. Shepard, John Hart. Elder, C. P. VanDerveer.

On Classical Minutes.—Rev's G. W. Labaw, Peter Bruce. Elder, A. Doremus.

Sub-Committees.

Rev. W. H. DeHart,	Elder, A. W. Givin,
Rev. J. B. Church,	Elder, Garret V. Staats,
Rev. O. VanBeverhoudt,	Elder, George A. West,
Rev. A. I. Martine,	Elder, C. P. VanDerveer,
Rev. J. Edward Grant,	Elder, H. W. Hoagland,
Rev. G. Wyckoff,	Elder, A. Doremus,
Rev. Floris Ferwerda,	Elder, W. N. Reed,
Rev. C. I. Shepard,	Elder, S. D. Opie,
Rev. W. H. Boocock,	Elder, Ross Jones.

On Classical Reports.—Rev's Henry Ward, J. B. Church. Elder, P. H. Wyckoff.

On Overtures and Judicial Business.—Rev's I. Sperling, George M. Conover. Elder, C. P. VanDerveer.

On Nominations.—Rev's Theodore Shafer, A. Duryee. Elder, H. W. Hoagland.

On Treasurer's Report.—Rev's C. W. VanZee, Floris Ferwerda. Elder, W. N. Reed.

On Systematic Beneficence.—Rev's B. B. Staats, George S. Bishop. Elder, S. D. Opie.

ARTICLE III.

COMMUNICATIONS.

The following were received :

An invitation from Park Reformed church, Jersey City, Rev. J. Francis Morgan, pastor, to hold the stated session of 1904 with them. The invitation was accepted with thanks.

Notices from the Boards of Missions, of the appointment of delegates, to appear before the Synod in their behalf, for the Foreign Board, Rev. Prof. J. Preston Searle, and for the Domestic Board, Rev. James I. Vance, D. D. As Dr. Vance was unable to be present, Rev. W. H. DeHart, D. D., represented the Board in his stead.

A letter from Rev. Dr. Wortman, representing the Widows and Disabled Ministers Funds, earnestly urging the imperative interests of these Funds upon the hearts and consciences of the members of the Synod.

ARTICLE IV.

CORRESPONDENCE WITH OTHER SYNODS.

Copies of the minutes of General Synod and of the Particular Synods of New York, Albany and Chicago, for 1902, were presented and referred to the Committee on Synodical Minutes, who reported that they had examined them and found nothing requiring the attention of this Synod.

The report was accepted and adopted.

ARTICLE V.

CLASSICAL REPORTS.

The Committee on Classical Reports presented the following, which was accepted and adopted :

Report of Committee on Classical Reports.

Reports have been received from all the Classes. One or two of them speak of an "average year" and of "holding their own," but the others tell of an increase of religious interest and of God's blessing upon their churches. There has been no extensive revival, but a study of the statistical tables shows progress and prosperity. One new

church has been organized by the Classis of Monmouth. There has been a gain of 564 families over last year; 1,588 have been added to the churches on confession of faith, which is an increase of 165, and a greater number than has been reported in any one year since 1891. There has been a gain of 79 received by certificate, while the total in communion is increased by 1,000. There is also a slight gain in S. S. enrollment. The only column that shows a loss that might possibly give rise to interesting questions, is that of "infant baptism," where there is a decrease of 138.

A notable advance has been made in gifts for denominational objects, about $14,000 more having been contributed than during the year ending 1902. Over $10,000 of this increase comes from the Classis of Newark. The support of local interests has not been neglected, there being an increase of $18,000 for congregational purposes.

While the results are not all that we could desire, nor all that we had hoped to realize from the outlook at the beginning of the evangelistic efforts put forth by the Committees of the Classes co-operating with the Committee of General Synod, we have no reason for discouragement. It is evident from the reports of the churches that there has been a spirit of prayer more marked than for many years, and an increase of christian activity which has led to the edification of God's children and the conversion of souls to Jesus Christ.

Shall not the tokens of God's willingness to answer the cries of His people and to bless faithful effort lead to a deeper consecration, to a livelier sense of our entire dependence on His Holy Spirit, and to greater diligence in His service. Let it be our earnest prayer that in the coming year our churches may realize in much larger measure the gracious presence and blessing of our God.

HENRY WARD, *Chairman.*

CLASSIS OF BERGEN.

Report of the Committee on the State of Religion:

The reports of the churches show a normal and healthful state of religion throughout the Classis. Reports of reception of members, reduction of church debts, increase in amounts raised for current expenses, increase in benevolence, come to us from all parts.

The First Church of Hackensack reports: "The Lord has blessed the whole church." The benevolent offerings have increased $600 over last year. The services, both Sabbath and week day, have been largely attended, and proved inspiring.

Schraalenburgh reports a quiet but successful year. Both material and spiritual prosperity.

English Neighborhood sends only statistical reports.

New Durham writes: "The year has been marked with steady growth. 203 members have been given to organize a new church. 54 have been received on confession of faith and 16 by certificate—the largest number received by any one church in the Classis." "The work in West New York has been successfully carried forward, and God's blessing still abides."

First Hoboken sends only statistical report. This church has been vacant for a part of the year, but now has secured a pastor, Rev. J. Gilmore Addy, and the work is moving forward successfully.

North Bergen sends statistical reports only. This church also has secured a new pastor during the year, Rev. Louis Nickse, and a healthy condition obtains.

Second Hackensack reports this has been a good year. "God has blessed personal work." A missionary in the foreign field is supported by this church. Advance has been made all along the lines in gifts for missions. A monthly church paper is being published.

German Evangelical, Hoboken sends only statistical reports, but these speak of large and varied activities.

Third Hackensack writes: "Our growth is slow but sure."

Closter sends only statistical report, but the report was in almost two weeks before the meeting of classis, a promptness which the Committee on the State of Religion heartily commends, and exhorts the other churches of the Classis, "Go thou and do likewise."

Palisades writes of a new Sabbath-school, organized in a large measure under the care of that church, and of a healthy spiritual and financial condition in the church.

Guttenberg has had a year of steady growth. Peace and harmony prevails.

Central Avenue writes of a well attended Sabbath-school, of activity among its various societies, $500 paid on the mortgage, and of another payment about to be made.

Cherry Hill reports that the year has been marked by greater success in temporal things than in eternal and spiritual. The outlook for the future is bright.

Spring Valley reports, "never in the twenty years of the church's life has the interest in church work been maintained at a higher plane. In material matters we have gained on previous years. A week's evangelistic efforts resulted in the quickening of the membership."

Westwood records gratitude for attendance upon the services, accessions to membership, amounts raised for benevolence and home work, and a $500 reduction on the mortgage.

Oradell sends only statistical report.

Hasbrouck Heights writes of advancement in the work of the church, officers and teachers of Sabbath-school doing valiant work, C. E. prosperous, young people coming forward to take their part in the work, Ladies' Aid Society active, and finances in good condition.

Highwood has lost a pastor and had eight members remove out of the bounds of the congregation, but the church has an efficient supply, and the various departments of the work show increasing interest.

Rochelle Park reports a year of growth, better facilities for Sabbath-school work have been secured, a boys' club has been formed, financial and spiritual condition good.

Bogart Memorial has been vacant since Mr. MacMillan's resignation. It has been supplied during the winter by a student in the Theological Seminary at New Brunswick, Mr. Purdy, who has been called and it is expected will accept at the end of the school year.

First West Hoboken writes of large returns for labor expended for the Master, spiritual and financial condition most excellent, all obligations met and more than $300 in the treasury, large attendance at the services, and need of greater facilities for the work.

The banner church for benevolence for the year is the Second Church of Hackensack, having given a total of $2,481.09.

The banner church on reception of members during the year is New Durham, 70 having been received.

The banner church on reception of members on confession of faith, is the youngest church in the Classis, First West Hoboken.

The following ministers have been dismissed from the Classis during the year :

Rev. Conrad Bluhm, dismissed to the Presbytery of Boulder, Colorado.

Rev. C. Morton Sciple, dismissed to the Presbytery of New Castle, Delaware.

Mr. John Erler was licensed May 26, 1902, and dismissed to the Classis of Monmouth.

The following comparative statements will indicate something of the religious condition of the Classis.

Census—No. of Families, 2,295, an increase of 91 over last year's report.

Total now in full communion, 4,051 ; an increase of 99 over last year.

Total enrollment in Sabbath-school, 7,376 ; an increase of 141 over last year.

Total given to denominational objects, $6,106.02 ; increase over last year, $394.46.

Other benevolences, $2,886.88 ; increase over last year, $268.89.

G. H. COTTON,

Chairman.

SOUTH CLASSIS OF BERGEN.

Report of the Committee on the State of Religion of the South Classis of Bergen.

The territory covered by the South Classis of Bergen, consists of the City of Bayonne and the larger part of Jersey City. These cities, from their position in proximity to the great metropolis are important, and yet often discouraging fields of labor. Their population is increasing with great rapidity, but the influx of people is from all the nations of the world. Immigrants who are often undesirable, tarry here instead of moving further westward. The lower wards of Jersey City are changing in character continually, and families which in times past have supported the church, have moved to other localities, their places being supplied by alien peoples who have no interest in our Protestant churches.

These circumstances render the labors of the ministry increasingly difficult. The churches, however, are to be congratulated on the heroic efforts which have been made during the past year to build up the Kingdom of God in their communities, and upon the measure of success which has crowned their efforts.

One church has engaged an assistant pastor, and will inaugurate a preaching service at a chapel where a flourishing Sunday-school has, for ten years, served the neighborhood. Another church reports the subscription of five thousand dollars for the purpose of extinguishing a debt, while still another reports the expenditure of six thousand dollars in beautifying the church building.

Every church reports an encouraging accession in its membership, but in many cases depletions from the roll by death and dismissal, as well as by the revision of the roll, almost counterbalances those who have been received. One-third of the churches in this Classis hold services in the German language, and one-fourth have, during the year, received aid from the Board of Domestic Missions.

While our benevolent contributions have not reached the standard

which has been set for us by the apportionment of the Boards, a commendable zeal has been apparent in the gathering of funds for the various operations of the church.

Very tenderly we record the death of the oldest member of the Classis, the Rev. Paul D. VanCleef, D. D., who, after service as pastor, and Pastor Emeritus for more than half a century, has fallen asleep in Jesus. His services to the Classis and the whole church cannot be too highly appreciated. He leaves a memory fragrant of good works.

The reports from the churches also mention the loss of two prominent elders, Thomas R. Lewis, of the Park church, and Stephen L. Harvey, of Greenville. These brethren beloved, have frequently represented their churches at the meetings of the Classis, and we bear testimony to their fidelity in office, and the value of their services in the cause of our Master.

Ministerial Changes.—The Rev. Ferdinand L. Wilson was received from the Classis of Passaic and duly installed pastor of the Fifth Street Church, Bayonne, on Dec. 2, 1902.

The relation between the First German Evangelical Church of Jersey City and the Rev. Louis Nickse was dissolved, and the Rev. Louis Nickse was dismissed to the Classis of Bergen.

On the 25th of Nov., 1902, the Rev. Matthew Mueller was received from the Presbytery of New York and installed pastor of the First German Evangelical, Church on the 25th of Dec., 1902.

The relation between the Rev. T. J. Kommers and the church of Lafayette was dissolved on April 21, 1903.

Reports of the churches:

The Church of Bergen reports another year of service and prosperity. Special evangelical services were held during the first weeks of the Lenten season. The services were inaugurated by a special celebration of the Holy Communion, to which every member of the church was personally invited.

The Consistory has secured the services of the Rev. William V. D. Strong as assistant pastor. The church is entirely free from debt.

The First Church of Bayonne reports the enjoyment of a prosperous year. All the stated services of the church have been well sustained. The two bible classes conducted by the pastor, one numbering twenty-five young men, the other numbering fifty adults, have accomplished a good work in familiarizing people with the historical method of bible study.

The main reason for thanksgiving, is the raising of the church debt

of $5,000. The entire amount has been more than subscribed, and $3,175.50 was paid in before April 1st, 1903.

The Wayne Street Church reports another year clear of debt, increasing attendance, and evident increase in the things of the inner life. A proportionately large number of young men have united with the church.

The Park Church under the divine blessing, has enjoyed a very prosperous year. The Jubilee Anniversary was held in October. The sum of $6,000 has been spent in interior changes, and decorating of the church building. Of this amount, all has been raised by subscription, with the exception of one thousand dollars. Fifty new members have been received on confession of faith, and twenty by certificate.

The Fifth Street Church reports the settlement of a new pastor, the Rev. Ferdinand S. Wilson. A spirit of unity and earnestness is manifested by the people. Special meetings were held during and following the week of prayer. At the Communion service, April 5th, thirty new members were received, too late to appear in this year's report.

The Second Church of Hudson City reports no communion has passed without some accession of members. Finances are in a healthy condition. Collections to the Board have been doubled.

The Church of Lafayette reports that the pastor, the Rev. T. J. Kommers, left for southern California in search of health on January the 12th. He has since resigned his pastoral charge. The pulpit, meanwhile, has been supplied by the Rev. J. Preston Searle, of the Theological Seminary, at New Brunswick.

The Church of Greenville reports.—"With gratitude to our Heavenly Father, we believe that we are a united people. All the services are well attended, and the organizations of the church are doing good work."

The Free Reformed Church reports, the progress of the past year has been an incentive to the people for earnest work. Their church has been greatly blessed in its spiritual life as well as in its financial. Forty-five members have been received on confession of faith.

The report of the *Third Church of Bayonne* deals only with financial matters. The hope is expressed that should the mortgage of twelve hundred dollars on the church building be paid, the church would become self-supporting.

The First German Evangelical Church has recently settled a new pastor, the Rev. Matthew Mueller. He says it is very difficult for him to make a report, as he has been there only three months. The addition of thirty members on confession of faith is, however, an encouraging feature of the church's work.

St. John's German Evangelical Church makes no verbal report. The addition of thirty persons on confession of faith, as in the instance of the former church, is worthy of mention.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

CORNELIUS BRETT,
H. L. FRANZEN,
Committee.

CLASSIS OF MONMOUTH.

The Committee upon the State of Religion beg leave to submit the following report:

There should be a tone of gladness in all of our hearts to-day because of the blessing wherewith the Lord hath blessed us. As a commander anxiously awaits the news from the front to determine whether it shall be with him success or failure, advance or retreat, so the chairman of such a committee prayerfully receives its reports as they come to him one by one, anxious to ascertain whether in like manner the work of the Great Commander has made progress, and if so how much. From the general tenor of the individual reports we learn that there has been progress all along the line. No church reports any retrograde movement, but rather a decided advance in many ways. *Hope*, *vigor*, *progress*, seem to be the characteristics of our work to-day.

From all indications we, as a Classis, are in a more thoroughly healthy and live condition than ever before. The activity and consecration of our younger pastors is telling in a marked degree. Fields which heretofore seemed languishing and dying have taken on new life. Large accessions upon confession and increased contributions to benevolence are some of the results. Decided gains have been made in numbers of families, in additions to the Sabbath-school, and in monies for benevolent and congregational purposes. One new church is added to our roll. We welcome her and bid her God speed. The vigor of committee and pastor in the organization of the same is worthy of commendation.

Highlands, so long our burden and our despair, is filled with hope through the consecrated efforts of its young pastor in charge.

It speaks well for the general behaviour and faithfulness of our membership since the column marked suspended has in all cases been marked with a naught. Comparisons may be made to serve as windows with which to let in the light.

Last year we reported 631 families, this year 708; a gain of 77. Last

year we numbered 1,300 members, now we have 1,366; a gain of 66. Only 27 infants were baptized last year as over against 51 this year. We have made a gain of 129 Sunday-school scholars. For benevolent purposes we have made an advance of only $11 but for other objects $96, and for congregational purposes we report an advance of $3,307 over that of last year. Let us now hear from the churches themselves.

First Freehold. Temporal matters in a healthy state. Benevolent gifts one-fifth in excess of last year. Sorrow great because of no addition upon confession, yet glad because services have been well sustained and audiences attentive, and thus going forward in the hope and trust that God will assist from on high speedily.

Holmdel.—Benevolent and congregational receipts in excess of last year. Services well sustained. Mourn the absence of the spiritual presence in the conversion of souls. Cast down but not in despair.

Middletown.—"Have been without a pastor since July 6, 1902. Have depended upon supplies to carry on the services. Services have been well attended, all organizations in a live condition. Repairs made to parsonage and a large indebtedness cancelled. Looking forward with great hopefulness toward the coming of their new pastor."

Second, Freehold, regrets to report nothing unusual. Membership slightly reduced through revision of rolls. During the illness of the pastor, all the work of the church was heartily maintained, the prayer meeting being acceptably led by the members of the church. In the removal of 3 of our good families we have the comfort of knowing that they will connect themselves with sister churches of the Classis.

Keyport.—The year has been one of steady growth. No unusual spiritual awakening, yet one filled with increased spiritual interest. The increased attendance and the sustained interest in all departments of work is very gratifying. Financially ahead of any year in the history of the church. Year closed with a good balance in the treasury.

First, Long Branch.—"Year one of quiet progress. Nine souls added upon confession. Increased attendance upon all services. Both men and women indefatigable in their effort to aid the work of the church. More money per member contributed for congregational work than ever before in the history of the church. Feels still greatly the burden of indebtedness resulting from rebuilding operations."

Colts Neck sends statistical table only. From this we glean that the year has been one of marked progress. Largest addition to membership of any church in Classis this year. Increased gain in families, in Sabbath-school scholars and general benevolence.

First, Highlands, sends statistical table only. New pastor installed. Increase in number of families in addition to membership, in the

number of infants baptized, in total enrollment in the Sabbath-school, and in benevolent and congregational offerings.

Asbury Park, First.—All services well sustained, and we have had a happy, profitable and encouraging year. Our earnest prayer is that God will help us make this year the best year in the history of the church.

First, Red Bank, sends its first report. Organized Oct. 29, 1902, with ten members. Since then 5 others have been received by letter, and one on confession. Already death has taken away one very prominent member. Sabbath-school has increased. Various organizations have been formed and are steadily growing. Kindly sympathy manifest in the new enterprise by townspeople shown in funds given sufficient to paint and carpet the church edifice. And the mantle of good fellowship which was characteristic of the life of the mission now rest on the organized church, and is a good omen of her usefulness.

REV. G. WYCKOFF,

Chairman.

CLASSIS OF NEWARK.

Newark Classis rejoices in being able to report genuine progress along every line.

The statistical table for this year is a good thing to look upon ; the figures are not in any sense "dry figures," but are living facts, expressive of the Lord's rich blessings upon our churches, and call forth our hearty thanksgiving.

Every church that has enjoyed the ministrations of a regular pastor came up to Classis with reported additions to their membership, larger gifts to benevolent objects of the denomination, and with one desire to extend the Kingdom whenever opportunity offered.

The statistical report speaks for itself, but some facts are very interesting. There are 150 more families than last year under the care of churches. 466 have united with the church ; 277 on confession, 189 by certificate—a total gain over deaths and dismissals of 321. The total now in Communion is 5,302, and we have in our 20 Sabbath-schools 6,236 scholars.

The total contributions were $106,452.22, of which amount $35,642.74 were for benevolent purposes ; $27,885.86 going to denominational benevolences, and $7,756.88 to other objects of benevolence.

In rendering our report we want to express our thanks to the great help received from the General Synods Evangelistic Committee under

the faithful leadership of Dr. Kittredge, and the representatives of our church Boards. These helps have done much in making the year's history.

Particular churches:

Belleville Church has had a prosperous year, marked by deeper spiritual life, added members and increased contributions.

The First Church of Newark has added 24 to its membership, and has had a prosperous year in matters financial.

Irvington Church came up to Classis disappointed, and yet rejoicing. Disappointed because, owing to illness, their pastor who began so good a work among them has had to resign that he might regain his health. Rejoicing because they are looking forward to securing before many months a new and much needed church home. A lot has been purchased in a magnificent location, and a building fund has been started.

New York Avenue reports "a thoroughly interested and hopeful church;" has received 32 new members to its church roll, and expects very soon to increase its facilities for work by making large improvements to its lecture and Sabbath-school rooms.

We all rejoice with *Franklin* church and its happy pastor. This church reports "a gratifying accession from the young to the membership of the church, (13 having been received) the Sabbath-school increasing in members, interest and efficiency;" "a revival of interest all along the line."

The North Church sends an interesting report: "There have been no special services, but at the close of nearly every Sabbath evening service, there have been confessions of Christ and additions to the church. This condition of steady and continuous revival has lasted for more than two years, during which time 215 souls have been added to the church on confession of their faith. "The church is usually crowded at both Sunday services."

North Church has given $19,422.88 to benevolent objects during the year; $6,790.69 more to benevolences than it has spent for its own congregational purposes. 96 persons have been received this year.

Clinton Avenue Church leads the list in the number of additions to church membership; 64 on confession and 39 by letter—103 in all. In addition the church reports: "Peace, prosperity and progress. Sunday services with large congregations, prayer meetings well sustained. The Sabbath-school has outgrown its quarters. Electric lighting of building. Individual Communion cups. An assistant minister. Plans for a new building adopted. The support by the Christian Endeavor Society of a missionary to Arabia."

Eighteen have been added to the roll of *Trinity, of Newark*. Much

progress has been made in this important field of work. The very large Bible school is able to do much good work in the new building. Congregational and benevolent objects have been more largely sustained, and the church has "every reason to be grateful to God for His goodness."

Christ Church, Newark.—Much progress and many causes for rejoicing does this church find in this growing field. 43 additions to church's membership, and a decided improvement in the matter of contributions to benevolent objects are marks of the church's growth. Already Christ Church is beginning to feel the need of a new church edifice, and is laying wisely plans to this end, and is laying up funds that the much needed building may soon be a reality. Balances in the church's treasuries were reported at the year's close.

Brookdale.—The good old stone church at Brookdale, formerly, and so long known, as the Stone House Plains Church, comes up to be recognized in the future as the Brookdale Church, and with the new name comes also a good report showing every obligation met, a united and interested church which has much cause for rejoicing.

The First Church of Orange reports "the year just ended one of peculiar mercy. The church has grown steadily, having received an addition of 36 members. Benevolent contributions largely increased. The Home Department of the Sabbath-school has proved a source of added interest and helpfulness." The pastor closes the "28th year of his charge and would render devout and most grateful thanksgiving to the Adorable Head of the Church."

Trinity, of Plainfield continues to grow and continues to render most pleasing reports. This church is filling well a very important place. "The year has been a prosperous year. Financial obligations more than met; attendance good; a general interest manifested in all church work." A united and praying people, expectant of great spiritual blessings.

Montclair Heights.—Our youngest church, adds several to her membership, has decreased the amount asked from Board of Domestic Missions in aid of pastor's support, has increased her contributions, met all financial obligations, and is more deeply spiritual than ever before. Every treasurer reports a small balance at the close of the year, and the people are ambitious to advance along all lines.

CHARLES W. GULICK,

Chairman.

CLASSIS OF NEW BRUNSWICK.

Report of committee on Classical report.

By a comparison with last year your committee find that there have been but slight increase and decrease along the whole line of work. There is an increase in the census of families, a few more have joined by confession, and a few less by letter. More have been dismissed, and more died than last year. A very favorable sign is the great increase of catechumens, amounting to over 200. There is an increase in contributions to denominational objects, and a decrease in both contributions to "other objects" and congregational purposes.

Viewing the report as a whole, we would say that the Classis has steadily held its own. There has been no great awakening, no special development in any line of work. Harmony, unity of purpose and thorough work for Christ have characterized the churches during the year.

The First Church of New Brunswick reports faithful service along all lines of work, with a marked increase of accessions to the church from Throop Avenue mission.

Six Mile Run only sends statistical report. This shows a slight increase over last year.

Hillsborough reports prosperity, spiritually and financially. The people have responded to all calls of the church, and their spiritual life has been deepened.

Middlebush has lately settled a pastor. The church has had large accessions, though it has had heavy losses by death and removal. It has made improvements in the church and parsonage.

Griggstown is without a pastor. Its report compares favorably with last year.

Second, New Brunswick, has had accessions to the church mostly from the Sunday-school. While the losses by death have been heavy, yet there is a gain in membership. The various societies of the church are in a flourishing condition.

Bound Brook had its church work interrupted by an epidemic. After it had passed, church work was renewed with greater vigor. The church is getting stronger every year.

Third, New Brunswick.—No report.

East Millstone.—More money has been given for benevolence than last year. Members have been received at each communion, and a good increase recorded.

Metuchen.—The year has been one of blessing, its Sunday school work most effective, and the C. E. Society doing excellent service.

Suydam Street reports large losses of members by death and removal.

It reports no great revival, but a deepening of spiritual interest. All the societies are flourishing and most helpful to the church.

Highland Park reports a beautiful spirit of christian fellowship and interest in the church. There have been additions to the church. The various societies are in a flourishing condition and the finances are encouraging.

Spotswood reports that it holds its own. It has beautified the interior of its church at an expense of $250, and added sixteen to its members. The attendance is good, and the people active and cheerful in their work.

Ministerial Changes.—The Rev. James L. Southard has been released from Griggstown. The Rev. James LeFevre from Middlebush. The Rev. John A. Thompson was received from the Classis of Montgomery and installed over the church of Middlebush.

The students, James M. Martin, David C. Weidner and Robert W. Courtney were licensed, and subsequently dismissed to the Classis of Paramus, New York and Montgomery, respectively.

ALAN DITCHFIELD CAMPBELL,

WM. D. VOORHEES,

C. T. ANDERSON.

CLASSIS OF PARAMUS.

Report of committee on State of Religion.

Acquackanonck reports a new church dedicated free from debt, increased attendance at public services, and decided evidences of the Spirit's presence. Benevolent offerings are "at high water mark."

Centerville has increased the membership roll by 25 per cent., doubled the benevolent offerings and paid all debts.

Clarkstown has had a year of progress, and earnestly and heartily begin a new year with prayers for the presence of the Spirit.

Clifton makes a statistical report only.

Garfield is "full of gratitude." Besides evidence of spiritual prosperity the Sabbath-school has so increased in numbers as to require a new building.

Glen Rock has lost members by death and removal. A pastor will soon begin work in the field.

Hawthorne brings only statistics.

Lodi, First Holland, is blessed "with a slow but sure upbuilding of the congregation."

Lodi, Second, has sent no report.

Nyack sends only statistical report.

Paramus has proceeded with no marked incidents. Changes in the population are usually unfavorable to religion in the community.

Pascack prays "O Lord, revive thy work."

Passaic, First Holland, has enlarged the church building and built a parsonage. Special Eastertide services were a glorious success.

Passaic, North, has had severe trial through illness and bereavement, but a gratifying interest among the unconverted, especially in the Sabbath-school.

Paterson, Broadway, has had the best year of the present pastorate. Pews and sittings are in demand, and attendance at public services is large. A revival in the Sabbath-school has resulted in nearly a score of conversions. Benevolences are increased over last year.

Paterson, Second, reports, "The year has been one of ordinary prosperity, both spiritually and financially. The spiritual harvest fully up to the average of former years, and the finances never in better condition."

Paterson, North, sends statistics only.

Piermont and Ramapo send statistics only.

Ridgewood has had large additions to the membership, which indicate something of present conditions, and give promise of much for the future.

Saddle River sends statistics.

Spring Valley has "kept in mind the ultimate end of the church to honor God by the manifestation of His perfections, to which end the salvation of men is subservient."

Tappan reports steady growth along all lines. Spiritual life is deep and the community aroused in religious things.

Warwick has seen progress in all departments. Services are well sustained and benevolent offerings are increased.

West New Hempstead has held her own temporally.

Wortendyke reports general conditions good. English services are being conducted with gratifying results.

ELIAS W. THOMPSON,

Chairman.

Ministerial Changes.—May 2d, 1902, the Rev. William Guthrie Myles was dismissed to the North River Presbytery.

May 27th, the licentiate James M. Martin, was received in the Classis of Newark, ordained to the Gospel ministery and installed pastor of the church at North Paterson, N. J.

June 13th, the Rev. Jacob Poppen, Ph. D., was received from the Classis of Holland and installed pastor of the church at Wortendyke, N. J.

June 23d, the Rev. Albert A. King, after a long and painful illness, entered into rest.

July 13th, the Rev. William E. Compton was received from the Classis of Hudson and installed pastor of the church at Tappan, N. Y.

Feb. 8th, 1903, the Rev. James Jongeneel departed this life in hope of the everlasting reward.

April 21st, the Rev. James William Grant was received from the Philadelphia Association of Congregational Ministers, and arrangements made for his installation at Glen Rock, May 15th. At the same meeting of Classis the Rev. P. P. Cheff was dismissed to the Classis of Michigan.

THEODORE W. WELLES,

Stated Clerk.

CLASSIS OF PASSAIC.

Your Committee on the State of Religion beg leave to report as follows:

Reports have been received from all but one of the churches—*Montville.* After a close, careful study of these reports your Committee can discover no particular reason for special exaltation or dejection on the part of this Classis. A few of the reports are very encouraging. The total number of families reported is 1,958, which shows an increase of 30 over last year, when there was a gain of 87. Of members received on confession there were 135, or a gain of 27 over last year, when the number was 108. The number of communicants has increased by 119, the total now being 3,302 against 3,183 last year. These items of increase, though not large, are cause for profound gratitude to the Great Head of the Church. On the other hand we note a decrease in the number of infants presented in baptism to our covenant-keeping God of 26, the total number being 178 against 104 the preceding year. Of catechumens there are 1,318, which number shows a falling off of 153 as compared with the previous year, when the number was 1,471. There is an increase of 1 in the number of Sunday-schools, and of 150 in the total enrollment of scholars. There is a slight increase of $104.41 in contributions to benevolent objects, which is a gratifying sign of growing interest and sympathy on the part of our people. Your Committee regrets to report the loss of $1,705.53 in gifts for congregational purposes, which is due to the fact that several

churches raised large sums of money for church improvements last year. This loss, therefore, does not, we believe, represent any decrease of interest or liberality on the part of our congregations. The reports in detail are as follows:

The Church of Boonton reports a year of harmony and of more than usual prosperity.

Fairfield.—This church reports that it was without a pastor from Feb. 1, 1902, until March 12, 1903, when the present pastor was installed.

The First Church of Little Falls reports all departments of the church's activities in successful operation. The attendance at the Sabbath services has been most gratifying, and the church has grown in stability and power.

The Second Church of Little Falls reports much for which it offers praise to God, but confesses to disappointment that so few have chosen the Lord's side. Contributions for missions have greatly increased.

Montville sends no report. This church is vacant.

People's Park has had a successful financial year, but mourns a sad lacking of the outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

Pompton Lakes.—This church sends only statistics. It is vacant.

Pompton Plains has been graciously favored of the Lord in every department of her work. Harmony prevails. All of the Sunday-schools and societies have maintained their reputations for faithful services. Two features deserving special mention are, first—the addition to the church of thirty new members; second—the record made last year for "denominational objects," which was the best in the history of the church, has been broken this year and raised nearly fifty dollars higher.

The Ponds Church is deeply grateful to her Almighty and Most Gracious God, who has been her generous benefactor. The major activities of the church have been directed toward building up and strengthening the forces of the Kingdom of God in the parish, and the results are abundantly seen in increased attendance at all services in church, society and Sunday-school. The spiritual tone of the church is a matter for profound gratitude. The proclamation of the Good News bore fruit for the satisfaction of the travail of Christ. The contributions to denominational objects increased more than fifty per cent.

Preakness.—Reports weather conditions as militating against her financial interests, yet, notwithstanding, she has had at least an average financial year in congregational expenses. By a systematic canvass of the congregation, conducted by the ladies, money for a new

church organ has been secured. Denominational benevolence has been more marked this year than in any year since 1894. A new bi-weekly prayer meeting at East Upper Preakness, and a new Sunday-school at the same place, both of which are very promising, are new features of the church's fostering care and activity. With all the prosperity and good works of this church the pastor and consistory deplore "the great and conspicuous lack, except in East Upper Preakness, of interest in spiritual things."

Riverside, Paterson.—Following a year of ingathering this year has been one of cultivating spiritual life and active service. Conversions occurred during the Week of Prayer. The attendance on the means of grace has largely increased. Inroads have been made on the church debt. Benevolences and contributions for congregational purposes have increased. The outlook is full of promise.

Sixth, Holland, Paterson, offers no remarks, but comparison reveals a very prosperous year.

First Reformed Paterson, announces :—"The year closes with unmistakable tokens of our Father's presence and blessing. New features of church life and work have been introduced with gratifying results."

Union Reformed, Paterson —No remarks.

Wanaque.—Reports property for parsonage secured at a cost of $1,200 and $400 paid on same. The spiritual state of the church is discouraging in the extreme. The pastor resigns from complete discouragement in regard to the spiritual state of the church.

Wyckoff.—The report of this church chronicles no unusual occurrences in the spiritual life of the church. In temporalities the church has been active. A new bell has been placed in the old "ivy mantled tower" by the ladies "Home Circle" association.

Ecclesiastical Changes.—Nov. 24, 1902, the pastoral relation between the Rev. Ferdinand Schenck Wilson and the church at Pompton was dissolved, to take effect on Dec. 1, 1902, and brother Wilson was given a letter of dismission to the South Classis of Bergen.

February 16, 1903, the Rev. Charles B. Mitchell was received from the Old Colony Congregational Ministerial Association, of Massachusetts, and on March 12, 1903, was installed pastor of the Reformed Church of Fairfield.

April 14, 1903, the Rev. Abraham Mattice was dismissed to the Classis of Newark.

On the same day the pastoral connection between the Rev. E. C.

Scudder and the Reformed Church of Wanaque was dissolved, to take effect April 30, 1903.

SAMUEL R. CUNNINGHAM,
Chairman.

CLASSIS OF PHILADELPHIA.

Report of the committee on the State of Religion of the Classis of Philadelphia, submitted April 14th, 1903.

The committee has received reports from all but two of the churches of the Classis, but would call attention to the fact that one of the churches has made no report for two years.

An analyses of the reports presented shows the past year to have been an average one. Certain conditions have made the work more difficult than usual and lessened the results. There is no evidence of special increase of interest in spiritual things, although healthy spiritual conditions are generally reported. In some of the churches the reaping has been more abundant than heretofore, in others less abundant. The number received on confession is considerably smaller than that reported a year ago. On the other hand more have been received on certificate. Losses by dismission and death have not been larger than usual. A fair increase appears in the number of communicants. There is a falling off in the Sunday-schools for the first time in a number of years, at least. It may be due, merely, to local removals, but the fact is worthy of earnest consideration on the part of pastors and elders. A few churches report a decrease in benevolent contributions, but for the most part these have been well sustained. A number of churches have made special financial efforts during the year, either for the purpose of improving the church edifices or reducing indebtedness, and these have swelled the column of congregational contributions, which shows a substantial increase.

And now having presented the tangible results, we must say we feel most profoundly the inadequacy of figures to represent spiritual conditions, or measure the efficiency of spiritual labors. The kingdom of Heaven cometh not with observation. These words are sufficient caution against putting too much reliance on statistics. The figures we have read are at best only general indicators of the condition of church life. Received as such, they show that the church is not losing ground; a faithful Lord is sustaining His people and His work in the world. But it is also made plain that the church is making headway very slowly, and we are called by this fact to humbly bow before the Throne of Grace to confess our shortcomings, and fervently pray

for an outpouring of the Holy Spirit, by whose presence and power alone the kingdom of God can be established and extended.

The individual churches report as follows:

North and South Hampton.—The year has been made exceptional by the remodeling of our church building, necessitating its being closed for five months. We have simply done the best we could while preparing for better work. Because of our system of offerings our benevolent work has not suffered. A large spirit of liberality has prevailed in providing for the home work.

Harlingen.—The year has been an exceedingly prosperous one financially as well as spiritually. An indebtedness of twelve hundred dollars has been wiped out. This was accomplished because the people had a mind to work. All the services of the church have been most heartily supported, especially the week of prayer. The spiritual results have been most encouraging. We are deeply grateful to Almighty God for his manifold blessings upon us, and pray for a still greater outpouring of His blessing upon us and upon the church at large.

Neshanic.—No special religious interest but a good attendance on all religious services. Benevolence somewhat behind the usual, owing to weather and roads. The 150th anniversary of the organization of the church was celebrated, and there was a grand home-coming of many of the old members. The ladies are deeply interested in mission work, and always ready and willing to labor to promote the prosperity of God's kingdom. The C. E. Society must be commended for doing what it can for church work. Death and removal have reduced the number of communicants. Admissions to the church have been fewer than usual. We trust, however, the Holy Spirit is with us, and that He will water the seed sown and cause it to bring forth fruit unto Himself.

First, Philadelphia.—The work of the year has been chiefly directed toward bringing the young people into closer relationship with the church and with Christ. As a result of this effort all who have confessed Christ are from among the young, and others are being prepared for reception into church communion.

Second, Philadelphia.—The year has been one calling for no special comment. There has been occasion both to rejoice and to mourn. The preaching of the word has borne fruit. Harmony prevails. The Sunday-school is increasing in life and interest. On the other hand we have lost valuable members by death, and sickness has incapacitated some who have long been faithful laborers in the church. The number accepting the gospel's gracious calls has been small. However, thankful for God's favor, we look hopefully toward the future.

Fourth, Philadelphia.—Our church is in a healthy condition both

spiritually and financially, and we anticipate the coming year will bring a richer harvest.

Blawenburgh.—The Blawenburgh church has been blessed of the Lord in ways better known to himself than exhibited through a statistical table. In spite of inclement Sundays, services were well maintained and an interest evidenced, which gives assurance of God's work of grace among us.

Stanton.—The work has been carried on as usual. The regular services of the church have been well attended. The Christian Endeavor Society, while suffering from the lack of young people in our community, still maintains its activity. The Sunday-school has suffered considerably on account of the many stormy Sundays, and the difficulty in finding competent teachers. During the winter special services were carried on for five weeks. While there were no conversions there is evidence of the Spirit's work, which promises to bear fruit in the near future.

Clover Hill.—The work has been well maintained. By means of a small legacy the church building has been painted and equipped with a new furnace. A good interest was shown in the attendance upon some special meetings held in January.

Rocky Hill.—During the past year the services of the sanctuary have been maintained with interest and a good attendance. The various departments of church work have been active, and faithful work has been done. A men's club for social and literary help, and a Bible study class have been organized. In some respects our church work is encouraging, but many changes in the community makes it discouraging.

Fifth, Philadelphia.—As we look back upon the year just ended, we feel profoundly thankful to God for His merciful guidance and care. Many of our young people are taking an active part in church work, and we are glad the Lord inclines their hearts to His service, fitting them to take the place of their sires, and thus perpetuate God's work in the community. Death has removed a number of venerable members of the church. The word has been preached ; the poor and the sick comforted. Peace and good will prevail, and we praise the Lord for all His goodness toward us.

Addisville.—The year has been one of work. We have renovated our chapel at considerable expense. The envelope system for missions was introduced and has proved a failure. Owing to the large number ber of stormy Sundays the attendance has been small. Our benevolences have fallen off. The evangelistic spirit, rife in our denomination, failed to meet with much response. The accessions have not

een encouraging. The word has been preached and it will not re-
ırn without result.

Three Bridges.—The past year has been one of progress, we believe,
ıough additions to our membership have not equalled those of the two
receding years. All the activities of the church have been main-
ıined with a good degree of zeal. A series of special meetings held
›r two weeks during March has awakened renewed interest, the fruits
f which have not yet been gathered. Improvements have been made
n the church building. We look to the future with confidence, be-
ıg assured that the Lord will bless the faithful labors of His people.

Talmage Memorial.—The year has been characterized by earnest
ıd united labor on the part of the people made fruitful by the grace
God. During the latter part of the year a deep spiritual feeling has
ervaded the congregation, resulting in the quickening of souls and
ıe development of christian character. The young people have been
ore than usually active along spiritual lines.

South Philadelphia.—No report.

Kampen.—No report.

Wilhemina.—The congregation has remained about the same dur-
ıg the year. Preaching services have been held when possible, but
ıly occasionally, because of lack of ministerial service.

Bethany.—The church has been supplied by students from the Theo-
gical Seminary during the year. A healthy condition prevails.

Grace, Orangeburg.—The missions in connection with this field are
ırifty. All services have been well attended. The gospel has been
ıithfully preached among the poor. The parochial schools in con-
ection with the work here have been thoroughly maintained. There
re three such schools. Four missions are desirous of being organized
ıto churches whenever the wisdom of Classis shall so direct.

Respectfully submitted,

H. C. WILLOUGHBY,

Chairman of Committee.

Ecclesiastical Changes.—On May 27, 1902, Mr. William Reese Hart,
graduate of the New Brunswick Theological Seminary, on presenta-
on of a professional certificate, was examined and received under the
ıre of Classis as a licentiate. He was on the same date dismissed to
ıe Classis of New York, within whose bounds he had received a call.
On October 14, 1902, Rev. J. B. Peyton was received by certificate
om the Free Will Baptist conference of South Carolina, and is now
orking in our Timmonsville and Magnolia missions in that State.

Rev. Andrew Judson Walter was received from the Classis of Hudson, and on December 3, 1902, installed pastor of the church of Harlingen.

Rev. Thomas A. Nance was received on January 19, 1903, by letter from the Florence District Conference of the A. M. E. church, South Carolina, and assigned to work in our Bethel Mission. Rev's Peyton and Nance are receiving aid from the Board of Domestic Missions, and the missions they are now serving are soon to be organized into churches.

On April 14th, 1903, Rev. F. M. Kip was granted a letter of dismission to the Classis of Orange within whose bounds he is regularly engaged in ministerial work.

OSCAR M. VOORHEES,

Stated Clerk.

CLASSIS OF RARITAN.

The Committee on the State of Religion would respectfully report:

All the churches have presented their reports, and while there has not been a marked visitation of the Spirit in converting power in any quarter, yet the figures indicate that the Spirit has been present in all our congregations, quickening believers and blessing all our work with abundant success. The following columns show decided gains: Received by confession—gain over last year 41; about 60 per cent. Received by certificate—gain of 10 or 12½ per cent. Gifts for other than denominational objects are $361.83 larger than last year, and those for congregational purposes are $2,818.35 larger. To offset this we are sorry to note the decrease of gifts for the boards and funds of the church by $828.37. No doubt much of this is the result of the exceptionally bad weather this winter. Last year but one church reported any suspensions. This year four of our churches present such a report. Our brethren have evidently become conscious of the need of weeding out the tares. We trust the benefits of this action may be seen in purer and cleaner harvests for years to come. During the year there have been no changes in our roll of members.

First Raritan reports (1) The loss of many influential members. (2) The addition of 28 new members. (3) The falling off of missionary collections, owing to the unprecedented succession of rainy Sabbaths. (4) Decrease of debt by $2,200. (5) Formation of a Home Department in the Sunday-school with 80 members. (6) Continued devotion of the various church societies, and maintenance of the work. (7) Two courses of lectures that have proved very profitable, one given

the pastor on Sabbath evenings on the subject of "Hymnology," l the other given mainly by the Seminary Professors, during the son of Lent.

Readington has had a year of healthy progress. There has been no cial manifestation of the Spirit's power, and yet the Spirit has been nsciously present all the year. Prayer has grown sweeter to God's ople. Decision Day brought seven to a decision for Christ, and ere are others who give evidence of a like disposition at the present ne. A Home Department has been formed with a membership of . The only matter of regret is the falling off of families reported, rough the inevitable changes of death and removal.

Bedminister.—The year has been one of quiet, steady progress. All e activities of the church have been faithfully maintained. Services ve been well attended. The Sunday-school is in a prosperous con- tion. The Ladies' Aid and C. E. Societies have pushed forward eir work with commendable zeal and success. Financial obligations ve been promptly met. A fair measure of spirituality has marked e people, while the benevolence of the church has, as usual, been stowed on all the Boards and Funds of the Denomination. The rvey of the year's work awakens grateful feelings to Him whose use the church delights to further.

Lebanon.—The people have been zealous in the Lord's work. hurch services have been well sustained, in spite of the many stormy abbaths, and prayer meetings have been continued in the various istricts of the congregation. Contributions to benevolence have been ortened by the unfavorable conditions of the winter. A debt of oo was raised by subscription, with a surplus of over $400. Acces- ons have been numerous, and the death-rate lower than usual. Ut- ost harmony prevails.

North Branch.—Changes have taken place in the community, and t always to the welfare of the church. Nevertheless, the work has ne on. If heavy burdens have been laid on the "willing few," ey seem to have been able to bear them with credit. There have en no deaths of members this year, and but two dismissions. Eight ve been added, so there is a net gain of six. The word has been gularly preached, prayer faithfully maintained, and Sabbath-school struction continued. Pecuniarily the church has not made a bad owing. Congregational expenses have been met, and benevolent ntributions, through thorough organization and effort, have been ept up as usual.

Second Raritan.—Church activities have been faithfully carried on uring the year, and by the blessing of God an unusual number have

been gathered in on confession of their faith in Christ. The various church societies and organizations are in a prosperous condition. To them a new one has been recently added. A Men's League was organized in October, and numbers about seventy members. This meets monthly for mental improvement and social acquaintance. Its occasional dinners prove to be delightful occasions. Altogether it promises much benefit to the church in the future.

South Branch.—This church makes its report with feelings of gratitude and hopefulness. Its figures, under several heads, have suffered a slight diminution, by reason of deaths, dismissions, etc., but the spirit of benevolence has been kept alive and cultivated, and the figures in this respect indicate advance. The stormy Sabbaths have interfered with worship. Yet, as a rule, the attendance on Sabbath has been encouraging. There has been more than the usual interest in the work of the Sunday-school and C. E. society. The tenth year of the present pastorate will close in June. The same loving loyalty prevails as in past years.

Third, Raritan has "nothing special to report." The work has gone on steadily, and while they have had no marked revival, yet, there have been some souls gathered into the kingdom of the Lord, and their trust is that many may have made progress in spiritual life.

Pottersville.—Statistical report only.

High Bridge.—The pastor was unfortunately incapacitated for work from Nov. 1st to March 2d, and was absent from home one month of that time. The pulpit was regularly supplied during this time, and church work went steadily on, and the report for the year is, as a consequence, surprisingly good. Fourteen new members have been received, and eight or ten more are expected in June. Benevolence has flourished, the item of missionary contributions showing special increase. New plans are being put into operation in many directions, and the prospects are very encouraging.

Fourth, Raritan.—Has had a year of severe trial and consequent depression. The pastor reports the most critical year in the church's history. There have been no additions to the membership and many have been lost through removals to localities more promising to wage earners. Their hope is that better times may come for them again. To offset this the report states that unity in the spirit, peace and harmony have prevailed, and that the Ladies' and Young People's societies have been great helps to the church.

Rockaway.—The church is in a decidedly prosperous condition in all respects. The debt is being reduced. The future prospects are bright.

The people are thankful for past encouragements and are anticipating a promised blessing.

Peapack.—The year has been one of prosperity. Extensive repairs have been made and paid for. Services have been well sustained in spite of unfavorable weather. Steam heat has been placed in the parsonage; and altogether the church has had its share in the general prosperity of the place.

B. V. D. WYCKOFF,
Chairman.

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First, Hackensack	Herman Vanderwart	225	15	4	1	...	1	517	12	2	.....	200	1	300	$1,442 00	$ 599 00	$4.500 00	Hackensack, N. J.
Schraalenburgh	George H. Cotton	110	7	3	7	...	6	*146	6	3	.....	.....	1	234	213 59	60 05	2,537 99	Dumont, "
English Neighborhood	Marcus J. Roop	60	4	3	5	...	...	68	1	2	.....	30	1	100	41 88	.....	1,263 39	Ridgefield, "
New Durham	Isaac W. Gowen	250	54	16	10	...	6	600	61	8	.....	...	4	1676	1,000 00	150 00	4,000 00	Weehawken, "
First, Hoboken	John Gilmore Addy	92	3	2	4	...	4	167	8	...	.....	...	1	226	19 05	35 14	1,700 72	Hoboken, "
North Bergen	Louis Nickse	75	2	....	.....	...	2	94	18	2	.....	28	1	475	241 00	77 00	2,049 00	Weehawken, "
Second, Hackensack	Arthur Johnson	236	19	18	5	...	10	504	7	5	.....	....	2	500	1,481 00	1,000 09	6,963 00	Hackensack, "
German Ev., Hoboken	John Rudolph	245	30	.....	.....	...	22	436	150	2	.....	100	2	700	118 11	757 00	6,000 00	606 Garden st., Hoboken.
Third, Hackensack	John Bombin	77	1	.....	1	...	...	77	28	...	.....	10	2	150	6 33	.....	1.000 00	Hackensack, "
Closter	Henry Ward, (s c)	70	6	4	2	...	4	135	1	4	....	90	1	140	175 00	25 00	1,139 00	Closter, "
Coytesville	Floris Ferwerda	75	8	5	.....	...	...	82	10	...	.....	20	1	120	159 97	.....	1,115 98	Coytesville, "
Guttenberg	Tr. W. Manchee, s.s.	40	8	.....	.....	...	...	73	15	...	.....	160	1	350	49 95	27 72	1,229 84	Passaic, "
Central av. Jers'y City	Charles S. Wright	130	7	1	2	...	...	269	13	1	.....	....	1	481	195 87	.....	3.455 00	89 Bowers st., Jers'y City.
Cherry Hill	Abram Duryee	65	2	.....	4	...	...	108	4	...	.....	....	1	120	108 43	38 70	1,673 91	Cherry Hill, N. J.
Secaucus	†Vacant	.....	....	....	.....	...	...	.....	....	...	.....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Secaucus, "
Spring Valley	Supplied	24	1	.....	1	...	2	34	4	...	.....	....	1	51	50 06	.....	425 69	Maywood, "
Westwood	David M. Talmage	90	17	4	6	...	3	160	15	6	.....	...	1	240	388 55	48 91	3.162 09	Westwood, "
Oradell	John T. E. DeWitt	60	8	.....	2	...	1	76	2	2	.....	....	2	209	125 65	13 75	1,513 85	Oradell, "
Hasbrouck Heights	Charles I. Shepard	80	5	2	.....	...	...	113	10	2	.....	100	1	150	35 70	12 75	1,813 21	Hasbrouck Heights, "
Highwood	Vacant	59	3	.....	8	...	...	42	2	1	.....	....	1	118	28 91	3 14	1.329 05	Highwood, "
Rochelle Park	George M. Hunter	50	5	5	.....	...	1	34	6	3	.....	50	1	71	16 82	15 00	1.043 24	Rochelle Park, "
Bogart Mem'l, Bogota	Vacant	25	9	3	.....	...	...	47	1	...	.....	....	1	64	36 00	.....	627 81	Bogota, "
First, West Hoboken	Edward Dawson	157	58	10	.....	...	3	269	15	14	.....	....	2	901	172 15	23 63	3,773 30	537 Palisade av. W. H'k'n
	Total	2,295	273	80	58	...	65	4,051	389	57	.....	788	30	7,376	$6,106 02	$2,886 88	$51,316 07	

† No report for two years. * Revised roll.

Other Ministers—James H. Ballagh, Yokohama Japan; John Justin, Weehawken, N. J.

Candidates.—Homer MacMillan, Robert W. Blake, Carl Krause. *Classical Agents.*—F. M.—H. Vanderwart, D. M.—I. W. Gowen, Ed.—C. S. Wright.

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Bergen	{Cornelius Brett... / Wm. V. D. Strong, ast.	402	35	14	20	.....	12	*726	19	7	469	3	839	$1,111 20	$ 679 63	$9.461 93	{797 Bergen av., Jers'y City. / .....
First, Bayonne	William H Boocock.	360	18	11	16	.....	3	548	17	5	50	2	765	492 08	645 19	†10.731 66	763 Avenue C, Bayonne.
Wayne st., Jersey City.	J. Alex. Brown (s. c.)	118	16	5	6	‡10	4	230	8	1	.....	1	230	402 80	189 84	4.041 14	138 Mercer st , Jersey City.
Park. Jersey City.	J. Francis Morgan	300	50	20	5	.....	14	466	21	13	75	1	333	258 73	57 38	9,891 44	281 Eighth st., " "
Fifth st. Bayonne.	{Ferdinand S. Wilson... / H. W. F. Jones‡	123	1	2	.....	.....	5	202	2	1	158	1	228	528 36	159 38	3,269 16	{276 Boulevard. Bayonne, / .....N. J.
Second, Hudson City.	Emil A. Meury	253	16	2	9	.....	14	555	158	6	72	1	700	408 00	364 00	4,424 co	.....
Lafayette	Vacant	.....	8	8	8	...	1	209	3	3	370	1	370	273 16	19 43	3,809 09	.....
Greenville	Otto L. F. Mohn.	62	22	13	2	.....	3	148	14	1	.	1	340	60 00	....	3.072 94	166 Danforth av.. Jers'y City.
Free, Jersey City	James P. Stofflet	156	45	6	5	.....	2	214	14	1	.....	1	275	.....	.....	1,500 co	277 Eighth st.. " "
Third, Bayonne	Herbert L. Franzen.	72	6	.....	2	.....	1	146	18	...	8	1	105	25 00	12 00	903 00	36 W. 21st st., Bayonne, N. J.
First, Ger. Ev., J. City.	Rev. Matthew Mueller...	90	30	.....	.....	.....	9	130	22	...	14	1	160	25 00	.....	1,200 00	284 Barrow st., Jersey City.
St. John's, Ger. "	Gottlieb Andreae.	104	30	.....	10	.....	16	337	91	...	100	2	365	50 06	375 00	2,000 co	48 Fairview av.. " "
	Total	2,126	277	81	83	10	84	3.911	387	38	1 316	16	4,710	$3.634 39	$2,501 85	$54.306 36	

‡ Pastor Emeritus. * Revised list. ‡ Absent list. † $3,175.50 given for church debt.

Other Ministers.—Jas. L. Amerman, Ass't Sec'y Board of Foreign Missions; Rev. T. J. Kommers, Stated Supply, Union Church, National City, Cal.

Classical Agents.—F. M.—J. Francis Morgan; D. M.—J. Alex. Brown; Ed.—Emil A. Meury; W. and D. M. F.—George Carragan, Bayonne, N. J.

Treas.—J. Francis Morgan.

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First, Freehold	Abram I. Martine	84	....	.....	5	...	5	153	....	...	70	2	88	$ 195 15	$ 72 61	$1,620 00	Marlboro,	N. J.
Holmdel	Garrett Wyckoff	60	....	2	....	...	1	136	2	...	60	1	94	424 00	5 00	1,478 00	Holmdel,	"
Middletown	Willard D. Brown,	50	....	...	3	...	1	114	3	...	54	1	75	111 53	5 00	1,664 96	Middletown,	"
Second, Freehold	Isaac P. Brokaw	129	5	2	3	...	3	330	4	2	150	1	283	628 50	126 50	2,619 50	Freehold,	"
Keyport	Floyd Decker	58	9	2	2	...	1	122	6	1	78	1	87	93 84	22 00	1,532 39	Keyport,	"
First, Long Branch	Bergen B. Staats	75	9	2	5	...	1	160	6	2	....	1	162	....	....	4,132 72	Long Branch City,	"
Colts Neck	O. Van Beverhoudt	70	18	4	2	...	1	160	....	8	91	1	103	126 90	36 45	1,481 99	Colts Neck,	"
First, Highlands	John Erler	40	2	1	...	...	...	27	24	..	....	1	125	19 00	....	198 44	Highlands,	"
Asbury Park, First	Willard Conger	89	3	13	2	...	7	147	4	...	70	1	81	41 20	64 50	2,404 53	Asbury Park,	"
First, Red Bank	T. A. Beekman	53	3	15	....	...	1	17	2	...	.....	1	150	17 00	.....	380 00	Red Bank,	"
	Total	708	49	41	22	...	21	1,366	51	13	569	11	1,248	$1,657 12	$332 06	$17,512 53		

Other Ministers.—Elias Mead, Passaic, N. J.; James T. Schock, S. C., Keyport, N. J.; W. H. VanDoren, Griggstown, N. J.

Classical Agents.—F. M.—W. Conger; D. M.—O. VanBeverhoudt; Ed.—J. T. Schock; D. M. F.—T. A. Beekman; W. F.—W. W. Letson, Red Bank, N. J.

Treas.—I. P. Brokaw.

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Belleville	Wm. W. Connor.	118	7	2	....	...	7	213	6	...	124	1	238	$ 352 35	.....	$ 4 421 52	Belleville, N. J.
First Newark	T. J. Lee	140	10	14	4	...	6	†253	9	3	.....	2	415	530 00	420 00	5,625 00	692 High st., Newark, "
Irvington	Vacant	103	4	4	...	...	2	189	1	1	.....	1	314	176 42	... .	4,336 51	.....
New York Avenue	John S. Allen, (s. c.)	138	19	16	1	...	2	284	19	8	20	1	448	500 73	181 06	5,044 05	100 New York av., Newark.
Franklin	William Stuart	85	10	3	....	...	1	120	7	1	....	1	154	80 63	12 38	1,446 20	Nutley, N. J.
North, Newark	James I. Vance	600	67	29	21	5	10	1,066	19	20	1400	3	1,606	14,022 76	5,400 13	12,632 19	29 Washington st., Newark.
West, Newark	Carl Girtanner	85	45	.....	1	...	5	220	140	2	50	1	240	16 00	....	1,408 00	35 Blum st., Newark, N. J
Clinton Avenue	Daniel H. Martin	550	64	39	24	...	13	1,051	19	18	65	1	800	8,550 00	500 00	14,043 00	19 Stratford Pl., Newark, "
Trinity, Newark	J. N Morris	165	15	3	4	...	...	244	23	1		1	500	265 02	50 00	2,100 00	483 Ferry st, " "
Linden	Vacant	23	.....	.....	2	...	...	34	...	...	72	1	80	....	.....	793 92	.....
Christ	Henry Merle Mellen	129	9	34	3	...	1	256	7	4	.....	1	285	305 33	170 05	4,749 81	84 Delevan av., Newark, "
Brookdale	W. E. Bogardus	45	3	... .	....	...	1	105	....	...	.	1	91	181 69	57 50	1,184 44	Brookdale, "
Orange, First	George S. Bishop	272	12	24	8	...	9	567	13	14	155	1	352	1,666 16	598 09	*4,618 01	20 Burnet st., E. Orange, "
Trinity, Plainfield	Cornelius Schenck	265	9	15	11	...	3	570	26	4	.....	2	598	1,103 82	330 67	7,178 28	Plainfield, "
German, Plainfield	Vacant	38	....	.....	....	...	...	80	....	...	.....	1	40	20 00	....	‡267 00	.....
Montclair Heights	Charles W. Gulick	42	3	6	.....	...	1	50	5	2	.....	1	75	114 95	37 00	1,755 47	Newark, "
Total		2,798	277	189	79	5	61	5,302	294	58	626	20	6,236	$ 27,885 86	$7,756 88	$ 71,603 40	

† Revised. * Exclusive of pastor's support. ‡ Partial report.

Other Ministers.—John W. Conklin, 25 East 22nd St., New York City; Chas. E. Hart, New Brunswick, N. J.; Oscar Gesner, Linden, N. J.. Jas. C. Garretson, 470 Monroe Ave., Elizabeth, N. J.; Denis Wortman, 20 Watson Ave., E. Orange, N. J.; Abram Mattice, Newark, N. J.

Candidates.—Frank Eckerson, F. N. Burder, R. B. Johnson.

Classical Agents.—F. M.—W. W. Connor; D. M.—H. M. Mellen; Ed.—C. W. Gulick.

Treas.—J. S. Allen.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census. Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS. Rec'd. On Confession.	Rec'd. On Certificate.	Dismissed	Suspended	Died.	Total now in Communion.	BAP. Infants.	BAP. Adults.	C. C. & S. S. Catechumens	C. C. & S. S. Number of Sabbath-Schools.	C. C. & S. S. Total Enrolment.	CONTRIBUTIONS. Benevolent. Denominational Objects.	Benevolent. Other Objects.	Congregational.	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
First, New Brunswick.	P. Theo. Pockman...	275	37	7	18	2	17	653	8	6	300	1	450	$1,597 59	$ 649 04	$4.097 93	219 Townsend st. N. Bruns'k.
Six Mile Run.....	Clifford P. Case.....	22	10	10	1	...	2	272	2	4	200	5	243	855 54	101 36	‡2,698 33	Franklin Park, N. J.
Hillsborough.....	Theodore Shafer	*125	5	5	8	...	3	309	6	1	200	7	312	420 66	105 91	1,561 74	Millstone, "
Middlebush.....	John A. Thompson.	71	22	13	8	...	6	134	1	10	90	1	118	277 52	14 00	1,718 32	Middlebush, "
Griggstown.....	Vacant.....	40	1	....	4	...	2	101	3	1	.....	1	80	.....	18 25	1,008 21	Griggstown, "
Second, New Bruns'k.	M. H. Hutton, (s. c.)	165	15	9	7	...	7	394	7	3	210	2	292	1,711 99	888 70	5,020 61	26 Union st., N. Brunswick.
Bound Brook	Chas. T. Anderson...	112	2	1	6	...	...	174	2	...	194	1	254	95 56	11 29	1,571 28	South Bound Brook, N. J.
Third, New Brunsw'k.	Vacant.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	...	.....	.....	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	New Brunswick, "
East Millstone.....	Henry Lockwood.....	88	7	8	2	...	4	155	2	2	.....	1	75	142 76	47 66	1,406 17	East Millstone, "
Metuchen	E. V. V. Searle	70	1	2	4	...	4	†156	.....	...	20	1	120	360 95	10 63	1,687 57	Metuchen, "
Suydam st. N. Bruns'k	Alan D. Campbell....	0	4	7	7	...	6	236	10	...	177	1	177	676 16	62 20	2.778 93	146 Livingston av., N. B'k.
Highland Park.....	Alex. S. VanDyck.....	46	5	6	2	...	1	92	4	1	90	1	139	137 31	.....	1,055 54	Highland Park, N. Bruns'k.
Spotswood.....	Paul J. Strohauer.....	51	12	7	3	...	...	124	5	4	79	1	79	22 00	25 00	1,364 68	Spotswood, N. J.
	Total.	1,225	121	75	70	2	52	2,800	50	32	1,488	23	2.339	$6.298 04	$1.934 04	$25.969 28	

* Revised list. † Exclusive of a non-resident membership of 55. ‡ Cong'l expenses include over 1,000 for parsonage repairs.

Other Ministers.—Jacob Cooper, New Brunswick, N. J.; W. H. Steele, Newark, N. J.; E. S. Booth, Yokohama, Japan; E. Lord, Clifton Springs, N. Y H. D'B. Mulford, New Brunswick, N. J.; John DeWitt, Colorado Springs, Col.; A. F. Todd, Duuellen, N J.; J. B. Thompson, Readington, N. J.; George M. S. Blauvelt, Roselle, N. J.; H. E. Studley, Amoy, China; J. O. Bayles, New Brunswick, N. J.; E. T. Corwin, New Brunswick, N. J.; James LeFevre Somerville, N. J; J. H Wyckoff, New Brunswick, N. J.; L. B. Chamberlain, Madanapalle, Madras Pres., India; Wm. J. Chamberlain, Vellore, India, H. J Scudder, Rampettai, Madras Pres., India; J. L. Southard, 21 Oxford st., Winchester, Mass.

Candidates.—A. G. VanAken, Jamesburg, N. J.

Classical Agents.—F. M.—M. H. Hutton; D. M. Jas. LeFevre; E. & P.—P. T. Pockman; D. M. & W. F.,—E. V. V. Searle; S. B.—G. M. S Blauvelt.

Treas.—Theo. Shafer.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census. Number of Fam	On Confession.	On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Catechumens.	Number of Sabbath-Schools.	Total Enrolment.	Denominational Objects.	Other Objects.	Congregational.	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
Acquackanonck	Ame Vennema	198	16	30	3	...	7	474	14	3	360	1	406	$ 2.041 53	$1,062 88	*26.926 67	185 Paulison av., Passaic.
Centerville	N. H. VanArsdale	35	7	7	.....	...	2	59	4	3	20	1	110	99 38	7 50	939 71	Athenia, N. J.
Clarkstown	Garret M. Conover.	95	5	2	4	...	...	100	...	3	.....	2	160	50 77	65 00	†2,005 41	West Nyack, N. Y.
Clifton	J. S. Elsworth	80	16	7	2	...	1	130	5	3	100	1	257	44 84	21 91	3.685 32	Clifton, N. J.
Garfield	Eugene Hill.	52	13	5	2	...	...	72	18	2	120	1	176	29 08	.....	834 07	Garfield, "
Glen Rock	J. W. Grant, (P. E.)	16	.....	.....	...	...	2	20	.....	...	.....	1	50	.....	.....	153 39	....
Hawthorne	J. E. Grant	45	5	1	3	...	2	48	7	...	.....	1	138	48 00	7 00	‡3.177 41	Hawthorne, "
Lodi, First Holland	Tunis H. Hoonte	34	2	3	2	...	3	184	19	...	130	1	160	15 00	.....	1.000 00	Lodi, "
Lodi, Second	Robt. M. Offord, (S. S.)	43	.....	...	.....	...	...	84	.....	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Lodi, "
North, Paterson.	James M. Martin	40	17	16	2	...	...	64	7	2	.....	1	121	38 00	9 10	821 03	North Paterson, "
Nyack	Vacant	170	.....	.....	5	...	7	343	.....	...	.....	1	197	1,359 11	6 85	11,851 42	Nyack, N. Y.
Paramus	Wm. H. Vroom	95	6	4	2	...	5	186	15	1	100	1	157	261 61	34 14	1.933 26	Ridgewood, N. J.
Pascack	Edward Lodewick	100	3	4	2	...	2	149	10	...	.....	1	169	133 43	55 45	2,178 73	Park Ridge, "
Passaic, 1st Holland	Martin Flipse	280	36	10	4	3	7	490	36	...	300	1	475	317 81	300 00	4.800 00	141 Hamilton av., Passaic.
Passaic, North	J. H. Whitehead	112	11	8	2	...	3	346	1	2	.....	1	360	1,199 81	481 83	6.533 25	35 Hamilton av., Passaic.
Paterson, Broadway	Elias W Thompson	119	14	10	5	...	3	247	8	2	80	1	285	718 54	130 93	5.753 60	67 Auburn st, Paterson, N. J.
" 1st Holland	Fred. G. Dekker	130	12	6	4	4	4	240	22	1	110	1	205	107 00	95 00	2.025 00	50 Clinton st. Paterson, "
" Second	Theo. W. Welles, (S.C.)	170	10	9	2	...	4	288	10	1	100	1	375	236 38	318 87	3.876 22	79 Hamilton av., Paterson.
Piermont	H. C. Hasbrouck	56	4	2	4	...	...	100	.....	1	.....	1	61	113 41	2 00	1,660 93	Piermont, N. Y.
Ramapo	L. Van den Burg	65	3	3	...	...	3	148	...	...	.....	2	211	77 49	211 92	1,199 48	Mahwah, N. J.
Ramsays	Vacant	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	....
Ridgewood	J. A. VanNeste	135	10	28	3	1	6	300	19	3	.....	1	276	1,138 56	164 63	6,041 75	110 Prospect st., Ridgewood.
Saddle River	I. VanKampen	80	1	3	1	...	1	87	1	...	35	1	90	50 62	8 61	1.464 48	Saddle River, N. J.
Spring Valley	C. E. Crispell	80	.....	10	6	...	...	119	5	...	144	1	154	433 39	45 50	1.679 53	Spring Valley, N.Y.
Tappan	W. E. Compton	102	15	10	3	...	4	131	7	5	.....	3	°309	114 21	12 00	1.767 89	Tappan, "
Warwick	Taber Knox	158	9	7	3	...	2	285	8	4	.....	4	.....	1,288 04	559 15	2,971 89	Warwick, N. Y.
West New Hempstead	Henry W. Brink	50	.....	.....	6	...	...	84	2	...	35	1	84	80 33	.....	807 81	Spring Valley, "
Wortendyke, Holland	Jacob Poppen	82	9	2	3	...	4	¶148	14	1	90	1	123	42 97	.....	898 21	Wortendyke, N. J.
	Total	2.622	215	187	73	8	72	4,986	232	37	1,724	33	5,309	$10,039 31	$3,606 27	$96,996 46	

* $19,769.19 for new church building. † $250 on church debt. ‡ $1,098.50 on new church building. ° Includes home department. ¶ Revised list.

Other Ministers.—Cornelius R. Blauvelt, Nyack, N. Y.; Thomas S. Dusinberre, Pine Plains, N. Y.: W. Lubach, Cedar Grove, Wis.; Matthew N. Oliver, Marbletown, N. Y.; Cornelius Ruigh, Amoy, China.

Classical Agents.—F. M.—J. A. VanNeste; D. M.—Ame Vennema; Ed,—G. M. Conover; S. S. & Y. P. S.—R. W. Thompson.

Treas.—Theo. W. Welles.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS. Rec'd, On Confession.	Rec'd, On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	BAP. Infants.	BAP. Adults.	C. C. & S. S. Catechumens.	C. C. & S. S. Number of Sabbath-Schools.	C. C. & S. S. Total Enrollment.	CONTRIBUTIONS. Benevolent. Denominational Objects.	CONTRIBUTIONS. Benevolent. Other Objects.	CONTRIBUTIONS. Congregational.	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
Boonton	Alex. McKelvey	61	11	7	4	...	1	102	4	5	.....	1	136	$ 233 54	.....	$ 1 422 72	Boonton, N. J.
Fairfield	Chas. B. Mitchell	50	.....	1	2	...	1	85	1	...	.....	1	100	.....	.....	1,386 60	Fairfield, Essex Co., "
Little Falls, First	Theodore F Bayles,	104	3	4	1	...	4	172	10	1	180	1	180	317 34	6 21	2,897 69	Little Falls, "
Little Falls, Second	John W. TePaske	50	3	3	2	...	..	46	4	...	45	1	80	109 10	43 75	490 00	Little Falls, "
Montville	‡ Vacant	50	1	.....	5	...	3	95	2	1	.....	1	70	22 00	.....	2.166 42	Boonton, "
People's Park, Paterson	John Smit	130	8	6	4	5	6	230	19	...	207	1	250	61 57	151 80	1.944 00	Paterson, "
Pompton	Vacant	130	9	5	5	...	3	235	6	...	.....	2	300	334 97	19 75	2.168 25	Riverdale, "
Pompton Plains	Jasper S. Hogan	155	21	9	5	...	5	315	1	16	.....	4	425	670 60	70 00	*2.800 00	Pompton Plains, "
Ponds	S. R Cunningham	52	5	....	8	...	1	65	1	2	.....	1	67	52 86	.....	†2.458 57	Oakland, Bergen Co., "
Preakness	Geo. W. Labaw S C	40	1	1	8	...	.	81	4	...	.....	3	160	124 62	106 24	1.063 20	R. F. D. Route 1 Paterson.
Riverside, Paterson	John B. Church	135	7	3	4	...	2	175	8	2	.....	1	512	182 75	12 00	3.530 60	37 East 15th St., "
Sixth, Holland, "	E. Van Hetloo	540	38	7	14	...	7	800	63	...	450	1	520	270 00	904 00	4.725 00	Paterson, N. J.
Totowa, First, "	Thos. Powell Vernol	150	7	10	5	1	5	334	14	1	275	1	400	456 53	225 08	4.834 66	Paterson, "
Union Reform'd "	Helenus E. Nies	204	15	4	2	...	5	395	35	...	115	1	275	183 07	239 50	1.846 79	Paterson, "
Wanaque	Vacant	37	4	.....	2	2	..	41	....	2	.....	1	97	.....	20 40	873 57	Wanaque, "
Wyckoff	A. Westveer	70	4	3	....	...	4	131	6	...	46	1	76	92 49	....	1,110 00	Wyckoff, "
	Total	1,958	135	63	71	8	47	3,302	178	30	1,318	22	3,648	$3 142 68	$1,798 73	$35,718 07	

* Renovation of Grace Chapel, $600. Mortgage on Pequanock Chapel $200. † For new organ and debt, $1,350. ‡ Last year's report.

Other Ministers.—Louis J. Lockwood, Ghent, N. Y.; E. C. Scudder, Wanaque, N. J.

Classical Agents.—F. M.—Thos. Powell Vernol; D. M.—Jasper S. Hogan; Ed.—A Westveer; D. M. F. & W. F.—Gerrit Planten, Paterson, N. J.

Treas.—John B. Church.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census. Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS. Rec'd. On Confession.	Rec'd. On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended	Died.	Total now in Communion.	BAP. Infants.	Adults.	C. C. & S S Catechumens.	Number of Sabbath-Schools.	Total Enrolment.	CONTRIBUTIONS. Benevolent. Denominational Objects.	Other Objects.	Congregational.	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
No. & So. Hampton.	Horace P. Craig	100	1	2	2	...	4	*190	9	...	275	4	312	$ 301 16	$ 6 00	‡$5,400 00	Churchville, Pa.
Harlingen	A. J. Walter	112	11	7	12	1	2	*224	3	4	134	4	220	224 86	91 50	°2,518 70	Harlingen, N. J.
Neshanic	John Hart	110	2	7	13	...	6	183	3	...	.....	¾4	214	257 24	57 78	2,342 28	Neshanic, "
First, Philadelphia	P. H. Milliken	122	6	....	1	...	1	182	3	...	30	1	200	849 00	56 00	.....	.....
Second, "	W. H. Williamson	110	7	3	5	...	5	191	5	...	125	1	240	198 38	.....	3,572 00	811 N. 7th St., Phila. Pa.
Fourth, "	P. J. Kain	310	56	13	2	...	6	566	24	11	500	1	568	313 07	.....	6,614 62	Manayunk av. & Martin st., Phila.
Blawenburgh	John S. VanOrden	62	....	4	2	...	2	145	3	...	70	1	80	77 86	36 00	911 67	Blawenburgh, N. J.
Stanton	Addison C. Bird	79	....	4	7	...	...	149	..	...	20	1	71	39 75	.....	948 45	Stanton, "
Clover Hill	Peter Bruce	45	2	.....	1	1	1	99	....	2	27	1	54	51 10	4 25	641 23	Clover Hill, "
Rocky Hill	Wm. Schmitz	82	3	8	4	...	1	101	4	...	56	1	105	134 36	6 51	1,093 00	Rocky Hill, "
Fifth, Philadelphia	C. F. C. Suckow	172	8	.....	6	...	5	227	15	...	19	1	254	237 45	85 36	1,960 80	2223 E. Susq. Av., Phila, Pa.
Addisville	Sidney O. Lawsing	60	2	....	8	...	3	121	1	2	.....	¾2	192	172 00	.....	1,319 00	Richboro, "
Three Bridges	O. M. Voorhees, (s. c.)	84	4	6	4	...	2	180	1	4	.....	1	95	123 58	7 80	918 93	Three Bridges, N. J.
Talmage Memorial	H. C. Willoughby	100	11	.....	5	...	...	186	14	1	11	1	289	233 93	.....	3,515 50	387 Conarroe St., Roxboro, Phila.
South, Philadelphia	†Vacant	10	4	.....	.....	...	...	14	....	1	....	1	80	5 00	.....	302 07	.....
Kampen	†Vacant	13	4	.....	...	...	...	22	1	...	35	1	34	13 15	.....	88 42	Westover, Md.
Wilhemina	Vacant	5	....	.....	.....	...	...	11	1	...	5	.....	.....	.....	.....	24 00	Bethlehem, "
Bethany, Phila	Vacant	19	3	..	.....	...	...	32	1	1	.....	1	54	20 00	.....	270 82	Roxboro, Phila , Pa.
Grace, Orangeburg, [S. C.	W. L. Johnson	.....	6	1	.....	...	1	54	7	...	5	1	90	10 00	20 00	25 00	Orangeburg, S. C.
	Total	1,597	130	55	72	2	39	2,877	95	26	1,312	28	3,152	$3,261 89	$371 20	$32,466 49	

† Last year's report. * Revised. ¾ Union schools. ‡ Church renovated. ° $1,200 for removal of debt.

Other Ministers.—Revs. N. I. M. Bogert, Metuchen, N. J.; W. J. Skillman, 462 Lyceum Av., Roxborough, Phila., Pa.; J. B. Peyton, Magnolia, S. C.; Thomas A. Hance, Magnolia, S. C.

Classical Agents.—F. M.—A. J. Walter; D. M.—H. C. Willoughby; S. S. & Y. P. S. C. E.—John S. VanOrden.

Treas.—P. H. Milliken.

CLASSIS OF RARITAN.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS. Rec'd. On Confession.	Rec'd. On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	BAP. Infants.	BAP. Adults	C. C. & S. S. Catechumens.	C. C. & S. S. Number of Sabbath-Schools.	C. C. & S. S. Total Enrollment.	CONTRIBUTIONS. Benevolent. Denominational Objects.	Benevolent. Other Objects.	Congregational.	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
First, Raritan	Wm. S. Cranmer	220	16	12	15	...	10	468	7	3	.....	1	380	$ 601 00	$ 425 00	$7.426 00	Somerville, N. J.
Readington	B. V. D. Wyckoff	132	4	8	11	...	4	281	13	2	175	†5	175	255 25	65 85	1,500 40	Readington, "
Bedminster	T. W. Jones	120	7	3	15	1	6	218	3	..	.....	1	175	463 33	69 01	2.245 90	Bedminster, "
Lebanon	Wm. E. Davis, (s. c.)	180	8	7	1	...	8	336	7	1	.....	5	370	69 52	35 94	2,525 76	Lebanon, "
Rockaway	Henry T. Jones	92	14	12	3	...	1	169	5	8	.....	3	152	97 70	.....	1.275 00	Whitehouse, "
North Branch	P. M. Doolittle	114	3	5	2	...	..	159	4	..	60	1	70	342 84	90 83	1.016 13	North Branch, "
Second, Raritan	E. G. Read	245	20	9	16	...	14	641	7	3	.....	1	773	1 179 55	252 37	5.569 37	Somerville, "
Peapack	Wm. Johnston	126	8	9	3	...	3	206	4	6	.....	1	160	47 14	17 99	1,593 37	Peapack, "
South Branch	I. Sperling	107	3	8	11	1	8	173	5	...	45	*3	150	277 00	27 58	1.150 00	South Branch, "
Third, Raritan	Wm. H. DeHart.	105	12	4	8	1	6	271	4	3	57	1	248	381 27	31 00	1.945 61	Raritan, "
Pottersville	Wilmer Mac Nair, S. S.	49	6	3	5	2	2	95	2	3	.....	1	105	49 79	.....	1.025 06	Pottersville, "
High Bridge	Vacant.	119	7	7	4	...	4	118	1	4	110	1	120	41 18	10 00	2,772 70	High Bridge, "
Annandale	J. F. Williamson	103	3	5	2	...	1	123	.....	2	.....	1	130	131 52	.....	1.941 75	Annandale, "
Fourth, Raritan	F. Koechli	70	.....	.....	1	...	...	125	10	...	.....	.....	.....	45 50	15 00	740 00	Somerville, "
	Total	1,782	111	92	97	5	67	3.383	72	35	447	25	2,938	$3.982 59	$1.040 57	$32.727 05	

† 3 Union. * 2 Union.

Other Ministers.—Henry Stout, Nagasaki, Japan; John F Mesick, 236 East Market St., York, Pa; Charles H. Pool, Somerville, N. J.; Andrew J. Hageman, Somerville, N. J.; A. McWilliam, Somerville, N. J.; Minor Swick, 54 Parsons Ave., Flushing, L. I.; H. P. Lyman-Wheaton, Whitehouse, N. J.; Chas. W. VanZee, High Bridge, N. J.

Classical Agents.—F. M.—I. Sperling; D. M.—Henry T. Jones; Ed.—P. M. Doolittle; W. & D. M. F.—T. W. Jones; N. B T. S.—Wm. S. Cranmer.

Treas.—P. M. Doolittle.

CLASSES.	Churches.	Ministers.	Candidates.	Census, Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS. Rec'd. On Confession	Rec'd. On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	BAP. Infants.	Adults.	C. C. & S. S. Catechumens.	Number of Sabbath-Schools.	Total Enrolment.	CONTRIBUTIONS. Benevolent. Denominational Objects.	Other Objects.	Congregational.	STATED CLERKS.
Bergen	23	22	3	2.295	273	80	58	...	65	4 051	389	57	788	30	370	$ 6.106 02	$ 2.886 88	$57.316 07	Henry Ward.
South Bergen	12	15	...	2,126	277	51	83	10	84	3.911	387	38	1 316	16	4 710	3.634 39	2,501 85	54.304 36	J. Alex. Brown.
Monmouth	10	14	...	708	49	41	22	...	21	1.366	51	13	569	11	,248	1,657 12	332 06	17.512 55	Jas. T. Schock.
Newark	16	20	3	2,798	277	189	79	5	61	5 302	294	58	626	20	6,236	27.885 86	7.756 88	70.809 48	J. S. Allen.
New Brunswick	13	29	1	1 225	121	75	70	2	52	2.800	51	32	1.488	23	2,336	6.298 04	1.934 04	25.969 28	Mancius H. Hutton.
Paramus	28	31	...	2 622	215	187	73	8	72	4.786	232	37	1.724	33	5.305	10,039 31	3,606 27	96,396 46	Theo. W. Welles.
Passaic	16	15	...	1 958	135	63	71	8	47	3.302	178	30	1,318	22	3 [illegible]	3.142 68	1.798 73	35.718 07	George W Labaw.
Philadelphia	19	19	...	1,597	130	55	72	2	39	2.877	95	26	1,312	28	3 1.	3.201 89	371 20	32.466 49	Oscar M Voorhees.
Raritan	14	21	...	1 782	111	92	97	5	67	3 383	72	35	447	25	2.938	3.982 59	1,040 57	32.727 05	Wm. E. Davis.
Total	151	186	7	17.111	1.588	733	625	40	508	31.079	1 740	326	0,588	208	36,956	$66.007 90	$ 22 228 48	$417 219 81	

ARTICLE VI.

CLASSICAL MINUTES.

The Committee on Classical Minutes made their report. It was adopted and is as follows:

The Committee on Classical Minutes would respectfully report that the Minutes of all the Classes have been received. The Minutes are all found to be neatly and correctly kept. It is noted, however, that in the Classis of Monmouth two recommendations for aid from the Board of Domestic Missions were voted on by the Stated Clerk, under the direction of the unanimous vote of the Classis. Your committee suggests this is contrary to the purpose of the rule in regard to such recommendations.

The answers to the Constitutional Questions are as follows:

Classis of Bergen.—22 Churches.

2nd Question 7 Yes. 13 No. 2 No report.
3rd " 20 Yes. 2 No report.

South Classis of Bergen.—12 Churches.

2nd Question 10 Yes. 2 No.
3rd " 12 Yes.

Classis of Monmouth.—10 Churches.

2nd Question 3 Yes. 4 No. 3 No report.
3rd " 4 Yes. 3 No. 3 No report.

Classis of Newark. —15 Churches.

2nd Question 1 Yes. 14 No.
3rd " 14 Yes. 1 No.

Classis of New Brunswick.—13 Churches.

2nd Question 12 Yes. 1 No report.
3rd " 12 Yes. 1 No report.

Classis of Paramus.—28 Churches.

2nd Question 11 Yes. 10 No. 7 No report.
3rd " 20 Yes. 1 No. 7 No report.

Classis of Passaic.—16 Churches.

2nd Question 5 Yes. 9 No. 2 No report.
3rd " 14 Yes. 2 No report.

Classis of Philadelphia.—19 Churches.

2nd Question 8 Yes. 7 No. 4 No report.
3rd " 16 Yes. 1 No. 2 No report.

Classis of Raritan.—14 Churches.
2nd Question 5 Yes. 9 No.
3rd " 11 Yes. 3 No.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE W. LABAW,
PETER BRUCE,
ABRAM DOREMUS.

ARTICLE VII.

CLASSICAL APPEALS.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE VIII.

CLASSICAL REFERENCES.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE IX

CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS.

Attended to.

ARTICLE X.

SYNODICAL INJUNCTIONS.

Attended to.

ARTICLE XI.

BENEVOLENT BOARDS.

The Committee on Systematic Beneficence reported as follows:

Any work may be judged by one, or both, of two standards—comparison with an ideal, or comparison with past attainments. The "ideal" should ever be before us, and should be the aim of all effort; but comparisons thus made not infrequently produce pessimistic views of progress made, and lead to discouraging criticisms. A comparison with past attainments measures progress in a wholesome and helpful way, stimulates effort without discouraging—where evidence of decadence, or retrogressions are revealed by the comparison, promotes both hopefulness and zeal—when the comparison thus made marks progress, produces the tonic of a legitimate optimism.

Believing that this latter method of comparison will be of truer help to the work of the Kingdom, this report is formulated along the lines of an optimistic comparison with past conditions. It would seem that a true and comprehensive view of the question must regard both principles, methods and results. As to the underlying principles—the motives—in the work of Beneficence, it is a most hopeful sign that we are entering more and more fully into the idea of *Systematic* Beneficence. This qualifying term, "Systematic," which is so significant in its relationship to the marked growth in the work of Beneficence, needs to be emphasized by every legitimate means. The great creative work of God, voiced in the orderly movement of the Universe, teaches the imperative value of *System*. In fact, God does not work, and cannot work, in any other way—as all the developments of His providence, and all His revealed plan of covenant redemption, make manifest. And all the successful work of man, through all ages, has been achieved under, and by, the same dominant law. The steady and wholesome growth in Denominational Beneficence, that charaterizes these later years of the work, may be traced to the inception and development of this Scriptural law of *Systematic* giving.

While not burdening this report with "Resolutions"—which so often and so largely are fruitless—yet it is deemed timely that Synod should lay tenderly and lovingly upon the hearts of our pastors and consistories the importance of using every legitimate means to educate the minds, to quicken the consciences, to regulate the wills and to stimulate the actions of the membership of the churches in the principle and habit of *Systematic* giving. Especially should renewed and persistent effort be made in training the children and youth, in this God-like habit.

Regarding the methods and means used as channels through which this Systematic Beneficence may find expression, it is an open question whether we have not reached, if, indeed, we have not already exceeded, *the limit in multiplied* and *multiplex machinery*. Highest efficiency is attained by *simplicity*, rather than by complexity. The law of mechanics is the law of the Kingdom as well: never introduce an unnecessary wheel or lever; never make a complex part where a simple device will answer; every increase in mechanism means increased friction, and demands increased motive power. We may well raise the question whether the time is not rife for the church to study more carefully *simplicity of methods*. But there is one method, or branch of methods, which has ever been used with fruitful results, and which may well be pressed to far higher efficiency—the *educational method*. "Information begets inspiration" in proportion as the "in-

formation" truly *in-forms*, or forms into the mind and heart, *motives that move*. It is a fair question to ask, how far the information—furnished in such exhuberance in the varied literature of the Boards—is actually distributed; and what steps are taken by our pastors and consistories to induce the membership to read and digest the inspiring facts furnished. That this agency *is used*, and has wholesome effect, cannot be questioned. And the message of this Synod to its several Classes, with their component pastors and churches, is that *more prayerful*, as well as *more diligent*, effort be made to disseminate information in a way that will truly *in-form* the inspiring facts into the consciousness of the people.

But this report would not be in any manner complete without a glance at the hope-inspiring results of the past year.

That "statistics" are infallible, is a gross heresy. That even the most carefully formulated figures may not be used in minute analyses, and complex comparisons, is well proven. But that *general inferences* are safe and wholesome cannot be questioned. We confine ourselves to the general. There are two bases of comparison—the "membership" and the "family." There are two objects to compare—the unit of "Denominational" objects, and of "total" beneficences. Approximately, the proportions of comparison between 1902 and 1903 are as follows:

Contributed per "family," for "Denominational" objects, 1902—$3.17 as against $3.25 in 1903. Contributed for "total" Beneficence in 1902—$5.69 as against $5.22 in 1903. Contributed per "member," for "Denominational" objects, 1902—$1.69 as against $2.06 in 1903. Contributed for "total" Beneficence in 1902—$3.03 as against $2.76 in 1903.

You will remark the decided and liberal *gain* in the proportion of Denominational objects. The reported loss in "total" Benevolence is only apparent, being occasioned by the fact that *one church* last year reported the unusual figure of about $24,000 for "other objects," but returns to the more normal report of but a fraction of this for the year 1903.

May we not indeed "thank God and take courage?" But, for the ensuing year, let us not be like the rowers in the race—ever finding our "landmarks" in that which is past; but let us be like the pilot of the vessel—ever looking forward! Let our eyes be ever toward the sunlight, and our inspiration gained from facing the "ideals" of life and action.

Respectfully submitted,

B. B. STAATS,

S. D. OPIE.

Rev. J. P. Searle, D. D., and Rev. W. H. DeHart, D. D., addressed the Synod in behalf of the Boards of Foreign and Domestic Missions.

ARTICLE XII.

TREASURER.

The Treasurer presented his annual report of receipts and expenditures as follows :

Dr. Particular Synod of New Brunswick, in Acct. with I. P. Brokaw, Treas. Cr.

1902.		1902.	
May 6 —By balance brought forward	$184 02	May 7.—To Sexton's fee	$ 5 00
1903.		June 2.—To salary S. C and Treasurer	50 00
Feb. 7.—By apportionm't Classis Raritan	15 00	" 20.—To postage, expressage and fare	7 24
" 10.—By apportionm't S. Classis Bergen	15 00	" 28.—To printing minutes	86 51
" 14.—By apportionm't Classis Newark	28 00		
Mar. 13.—By apportionm't Classis Paramus	30 00		
" 19.—By apportionm't Classis New Brunswick	18 00		
" 24.—By apportionm't Classis Philadelphia	12 00		
" 25.—By apportionm't Classis Monmouth	10 00		
Apl. 8.—By apportionm't Classis Bergen	20 00		
" —By apportionm't Classis Passaic	10 00		$148 75
		Balance	$193 27
	$342 02		$342 02

The report with vouchers was referred to the Committee on Accounts who examined it and found it correct. Their report was adopted and the Treasurer was authorized to lay an apportionment sufficient to meet the expenses of the Synod upon the Classes.

ARTICLE XIII.

PARTICULARIA.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered immediately after the opening of the Synod by the retiring President, Rev. Henry Ward, who made a brief address at the table. He was assisted by Elders A. W. Givin, A. Doremus, G. V. Staats and P. H. Wyckoff, in the distribution of the elements.

The hours of adjournment and of meeting were fixed at 5 P. M., 7.30 P. M. and 9 A. M.

The special address was delivered according to appointment of last

Synod on the evening of Tuesday, by Rev. Thos. Powell Vernol of Paterson, on the topic, "Christ, God's response to man's need."

In response to the request of Rev. E. B. Sanford, D. D., Secretary of the National Federation of churches, that this Synod appoint delegates to represent it at a meeting in Newark, June 2nd, in the interests of State Federation, Rev's W. H. Boocock, I. W. Gowen, D. D., and D. H. Martin, D. D., were appointed.

The Committee on Nominations recommended the appointment of Rev. Jas. I. Vance, D. D., Primarius, and Rev. W. E. Davis, Secundus, to make the special address before the next Synod.

Rev's A. I. Martine and W. H. Boocock were appointed a committee to formulate an overture to General Synod with respect to the Constitutional Questions, propounded at each Spring sesson of the Classes. They reported as follows:

In view of the failure of many churches in several Classes to answer the Constitutional Questions so that they shall be in perfect harmony with the letter of those Questions, and believing that such a condition prevails from an earnest desire to be in harmony with the Spirit of the word, and changed conditions in the world, therefore your committee would recommend the following:

Resolved, That the Particular Synod of New Brunswick overtures General Synod to appoint a special committee to take under consideration the Questions asked at the spring meetings of the Classes and suggest such changes in these Questions for the approval of the Classes, as will bring them into full accord with the Spirit of the word and the changed condition of the work.

A. I. MARTINE,

WM. H. BOOCOCK.

The thanks of the Synod were tendered the pastor, officers and members of the church for their abundant hospitality, the organist, precentor and choir for their assistance in the devotional services, and the speakers for the able and inspiring addresses.

Further words of appreciation were spoken at the collation, which was served by the ladies of the congregation, at the adjournment of Synod on Wednesday noon, to which the pastor made a fitting response.

ARTICLE XVI.

DELEGATES TO GENERAL SYNOD.

The nominations of the Classes were confirmed as follows:

CLASSIS OF BERGEN.

PRIMARII.	SECUNDI.
Rev. Abram Duryee,	Rev. Geo. McP. Hunter,
" Marcus J. Roop,	" John Justin,
" Floris Ferwerda,	" Chas. S. Wright,
" Edward Dawson,	" Arthur Johnson,
Elder, H. V. Meeks,	Elder, John Straub,
" M. H. Angell,	" Abram Doremus,
" A. G. Sage,	" Henry Steinhoff,
" Peter Bogart,	" J. H. Weston.

SOUTH CLASSIS OF BERGEN.

Rev. Otto L. F. Mohn,	Rev. G. Andreae,
" J. P. Stofflet,	" E. A. Meury,
" Cornelius Brett, D. D.,	" J. F. Morgan,
Elder, Philip Apfel,	Elder, John Kohlman,
" Wm. T. Francis,	" Henry Hoersch,
" Joel W. Brown,	" Thos. M. Ward.

CLASSIS OF MONMOUTH.

Rev. O. VanBeverhoudt,	Rev. John Erler,
" Willard Conger,	" Theo. A. Beekman,
" Floyd Decker,	" I. P. Brokaw, D. D.,
Elder, John Statesir,	Elder, G. Conover,
" Henry S. Conrow,	" W. W. Letson,
" B. Decker, Jr.,	" V. P. Buck.

CLASSIS OF NEWARK.

Rev. T. J. Lee,	Rev. Carl Girtanner,
" Jas. I. Vance, D. D.,	" Cor. Schenck, Ph. D.,
" Geo. S. Bishop, D. D.,	" D. H. Martin, D. D.,
Elder, I. M. Schorb,	Elder, Jacob Simonson,
" A. K. Hopkins,	" S. R. Cairns,
" Theo. L. Browe,	" Jas. Marlatt.

CLASSIS OF NEW BRUNSWICK.

Rev. E. V. V. Searle,	Rev. M. H. Hutton, D. D.,
" E. T. Corwin, D. D.,	" J. H. Wyckoff, D. D.,
" Henry Lockwood,	" C. T. Anderson,
Elder, Garret V. Baird,	Elder, D. D. Williamson,
" John H. Stothoff,	" Chas. E. Spencer,
" W. H. Johnson,	" Chas. S. VanNuis.

CLASSIS OF PARAMUS.

PRIMARII.	SECUNDI.
v. Isaac VanKampen, Ph. D.,	Rev. N. H. VanArsdale, D. D.,
" Cor. E. Crispell, D. D.,	" Garret M. Conover,
" Taber Knox,	" John S. Ellsworth,
Henry W. Brink,	" Eugene Hill,
Arnie Vennema,	" J. Edward Grant,
er, A. L. Winters,	Elder, John B. Courter,
Peter T. Ackerman,	" Chas. E. Blauvelt,
H. P. Demarest,	" H. J. Meloney,
" John T. Haring,	" J. M. Jones,
" Geo. V. DeMott,	" A. R. Kingsbury.

CLASSIS OF PASSAIC.

v. A. Westveer,	Rev. Alex. McKelvey,
" Thos. P. Vernol,	" Jasper S. Hogan,
" John Smit,	" S. R. Cunningham,
ler, Peter A. Bartholf,	Elder, J. H. Brown,
" John G. Hopper,	" Geo. W. VanNess,
" P. D. Westerhoff,	" David Hopper.

CLASSIS OF PHILADELPHIA.

v. Oscar M. Voorhees,	Rev. W. L. Johnson, D. D.,
" H. C. Willoughby,	" Horace P. Craig,
" W. J. Skillman,	" A. Judson Walter,
der, Abram C. Porter,	Elder, Henry B. Thomas,
" Wm. Hamilton,	" Asher Bennett,
" F. A. Bartholomay,	" A. Voorhees Everett.

CLASSIS OF RARITAN.

v. A. McWilliam,	Rev. W. S. Cranmer, D.D.,
" B. V. D. Wyckoff,	" Wm. E. Davis,
" I. Walker Jones,	" Henry T. Jones,
der, Jas. A. Case,	Elder, J. V. N. Quick,
" Josiah Layton,	" David Rinehart,
" Jas. W. Tuttle,	" Geo. Stillwell.

ARTICLE XV.

INSTRUCTIONS TO DELEGATES.

The delegates were instructed to use their utmost endeavors to bring

Places of Meetings and Presidents.

369.—First New Brunswick.....Rev. B. C. Taylor, D. D.
370.—First New Brunswick.....Rev. William Reiley, D. D.
371.—First, VanVorst, Jersey City..Rev. Wm. R. Gordon, D. D.
372.—Acquackanonck, Passaic.....Rev. W. V. V. Mabon, D. D.
373.—Freehold.....Rev. John Gardner.
374.—Second, Newark.....Rev. J. Paschal Strong.
375.—Second, Somerville.....Rev. George J. NanNeste.
376.—First, Paterson.....Rev. William R. Duryee.
377.—Second, New Brunswick.....Rev. William R. Gordon, D. D.
378.—Bergen.....Rev. J. Howard Suydam.
379.—First, Philadelphia.....Rev. John F. Mesick, D. D.
380.—Neshanic.....Rev. James LeFevre.
381.—Paramus.....Rev. Cornelius Brett.
382.—Millstone.....Rev. M. H. Hutton.
383.—First, New Brunswick.....Rev. Paul D. VanCleaf, D. D.
384.—Warwick.....Rev. Theodore W. Welles.
385.—East Orange.....Rev. Thomas C. Easton, D. D.
386.—Lafayette, Jersey City.....Rev. David Waters, D. D.
387.—Lebanon.....Rev. Edward G. Reed.
388.—Belleville.....Rev. I. P. Brokaw.
389. —Second, Philadelphia.....Rev. J. Preston Searle.
390.—First, Somerville.....Rev. Wm. W. Knox.
391.—Third, Raritan.....Rev. N. H. VanArsdale, D. D.
392.—Nyack.....Rev. H. Vehslage, D. D.
393.—First, Hackensack.....Rev. J. B. Thompson, D. D.
394.—Broadway, Paterson.....Rev. W. H. DeHart.
395.—North, Passaic.....Rev. Alan D. Campbell.
396.—Ridgewood.....Rev. Charles I. Shepard, D. D.
397.—Bayonne.....Rev. P. H. Milliken, Ph. D.
398.—Clinton Avenue, Newark.....Rev. Peter Stryker, D. D.
399.—Warwick.....Rev. W. S. Cranmer.
400.—New Durham.....Rev. W. H. Vroom, D. D.
401.—Freehold.....Rev. John Hart.
402.—Plainfield.....Rev. Henry Ward.
403.—First, New Brunswick,.....Rev. P. Theo. Pockman, D. D.

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OF THE

Particular Synod of New Brunswick.

The Particular Synod of New Brunswick met in Stated Session in the Park Reformed church of Jersey City, N. J., on Tuesday, May 3rd, 1904, at 3 P. M., and remained in session until Wednesday, 12.40 P. M.

FORMATION OF SYNOD.

ARTICLE I.

OPENING OF THE SYNOD.

The Synod was opened with prayer by the President, Rev. P. T. Pockman, D. D., who also preached the sermon on Tuesday evening, from the text Jude, 3rd verse, last clause—"Contend earnestly for the faith which was once for all delivered unto the saints."

ARTICLE II.

MEMBERS PRESENT.

Classis of Bergen.—Ministers, Edward Dawson, John Justin. Elders, Abram Demarest, J. J. VanWagoner.

South Classis of Bergen.—Ministers, C. Brett, W. V. D. Strong, J. P. Stofflet. Elders, Joel W. Brown, J. H. VanKleek.

Classis of Monmouth.—Ministers, Willard Conger, T. A. Beekman, W. D. Brown, G. Wyckoff. Elder, Jos. C. Gulick.

Classis of Newark.—Ministers, Wm. Stuart, J. S. Allen.

Classis of New Brunswick.—Ministers, P. T. Pockman, A. F. Todd, Jas. LeFevre, M. H. Hutton.

Classis of Paramus.—Minister, Jas. M. Martin.

Classis of Passaic.—Ministers, A. Westveer, T. P. Vernoll, John Smit, Alex. McKelvey. Elder, P. D. Westerhoff.

Classis of Philadelphia.—Ministers, W. H. Williamson, P. H. Milliken, A. J. Walter, H. P. Craig. Elders, W. N. Shoffner, Jacob S. Hoagland, Jno. R. Banes.

Classis of Raritan.—Ministers, Minor Swick, W. S. Cranmer. Elder, E. B. Allen.

ARTICLE III.

OFFICERS.

Rev. Alex. McKelvey, was elected President.

Rev. T. P. Vernoll was elected Vice President.

Rev's Edward Dawson and Willard Conger were elected Temporary Clerks.

ARTICLE IV.

MINUTES AND BEQUEST OF REV. ELIAS VAN BENSCHOTEN.

These were read.

Acts of the Synod.

ARTICLE I.

RULES OF ORDER.

The reading was omitted.

ARTICLE II.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

The following were appointed:

On Synodical Minutes.—Rev's G. Wyckoff, Minor Swick. Elder, J. C. Gulick.

On Classical Minutes.—Rev's P. H. Milliken, Willard Conger. Elder, J. H. VanKleek.

Sub-Committees.

Rev. John Justin,	Elder, J. J. VanWagoner,
Rev. Edward Dawson,	Elder, Joel W. Brown,
Rev. W. V. D. Strong,	Elder, J. H. VanKleek,
Rev. J. P. Stofflet,	Elder, W. N. Shoffner,
Rev. T. A. Beekman,	Elder, P. D. Westerhoff,
Rev. W. D. Brown,	Elder, Joseph C. Gulick,
Rev. A. F. Todd,	Elder, J. S. Hoagland,
Rev. Jas. LeFevre,	Elder, Jno. R. Banes.
Rev. John Smit,	Elder, E. B. Allen.

On Classical Reports.—Rev's P. T. Pockman, A. J. Walter. Elder, Abram Demarest.

On Overtures and Judicial Business.—Rev's C. Brett, J. P. Stofflet. Elder, J. J. VanWagoner.

On Nominations.—Rev's M. H. Hutton, Jas. LeFevre. Elder, W. N. Shoffner.

On Treasurer's Report.—Rev's H. P. Craig, E. Dawson. Elder, Joel W. Brown.

On Systematic Beneficence.—Rev's T. P. Vernoll, W. S. Cranmer. Elder, E. B. Allen.

ARTICLE III.

COMMUNICATIONS.

The following were received :

An invitation from the pastor and consistory of the Second Reformed church of Somerville, N. J., to accept their hospitality for the session of 1905. The invitation was accepted with thanks.

Notices from the Boards of Missions, of the appointment of representatives to appear before the Synod in their interest, Rev. Dr. C. Brett, for the Domestic Board, and Rev. M. H. Hutton, D. D., for the Foreign Board. Rev. Dr. T. W. Welles was also appointed to represent the Board of Education.

A request from Rev. A. DeWitt Mason, Editor of the *Mission Field.* to be heard in behalf of Young People's Work. It was resolved that these brethren be given an opportunity to address the Synod on Wednesday morning at 11 o'clock.

A communication from the Synod of New Jersey (Presbyterian) relative to co-operation with other denominations in the effort to secure a better observance of the Sabbath.

It was referred to the Committee on Overtures, who reported as follows :

THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON OVERTURES.

Your Committee would respectfully report that there has been referred a communication from the Rev. Samuel D. Price, Chairman of the Committee on "Sabbath Observance" of the Synod of New Jersey of the Presbyterian church. The communication calls the attention of this Synod to the appointment by the Synod of New Jersey of a Committee on "Sabbath Observance" to confer with similar Committees appointed by other denominations, to co-operate in securing the better observance of the Sabbath throughout the State of New Jersey.

Your Committee are of the opinion that work in this direction is the peculiar function of a Synod, whose constituent Classes are located mainly within the State of New Jersey. A co-operation with other christian bodies, with reference to the religious condition, the morals, and good order of the State, would give to these State organizations an importance which a mere routine of business cannot afford. In view of the modern tendency to annul the divine institution of a weekly rest, and to deprive working men of a privilege secured to them by authority of one who said, "The Sabbath was made for man," your Committee recommend the appointment of a Committee to co-operate

with the above mentioned Committee of the Presbyterian Synod of New Jersey, and with similar Committees appointed by other ecclesiastical bodies, and that said Committee report at the next session of the Particular Synod of New Brunswick.

As such Committee, we recommend the following :

The Rev. William S. Cranmer, D. D., of Somerville, New Jersey ; the Rev. Ame Vennema of Passaic, New Jersey ; and the Elder, Joseph Mundy, of the Clinton Avenue church in Newark.

Respectfully Submitted,

CORNELIUS BRETT,
JAMES P. STOFFLET.
Committee.

ARTICLE IV.

CORRESPONDENCE WITH OTHER SYNODS.

Copies of the minutes of General Synod and of the Particular Synods of New York, Albany and Chicago, for 1903, were presented and referred to the Committee on Synodical Minutes, who reported that they had examined these minutes and found nothing requiring action.

ARTICLE V.

CLASSICAL REPORTS.

The Committee on Classical Reports reported as follows :

The report was accepted and adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CLASSICAL REPORTS.

Reports have been received from all the nine Classes in the Particular Synod. They vary in length, in interest, in clearness. Some are models of executive skill, while others are put together in a hasty and unskilful manner. Evidently there are errors in some. Our review of these reports has failed to reveal any results from special evangelistic services, under the guidance of the Committee of General Synod. We infer that this means of reviving the churches has not been resorted to, and hence the results tabulated are those of the ordinary agencies of the church.

We regret to record that in some localities there is a very poor appreciation of our Lord's increasing yearning for the unsaved millions

in heathendom. As low as 12 cents per member has been offered (or one cent per month) to bring to these the knowledge of saving grace in Christ Jesus.

Our sympathy is extended to those districts that have suffered from disastrous floods. Let us hope that there may be no more of such. We note with pain the falling off in gifts to denominational objects of almost $14,000, and in a similar decrease to congregational purposes of $13,500. These are offset in a measure by an increase to other objects of over $3,000.

The rest of the "footings" tally quite evenly with those of last year, with 500 new families enrolled and over 1,000 additional members.

Classis of Bergen.—This Classis shows healthy growth and increase in every department and along every line save missions. While the decrease here is small, yet when the general increase is considered it is marked. Her banner church in missions is the one at Westwood, giving $3.25 per member.

Several churches had large accessions to their membership, i. e., German Evangelical, Hoboken, 1st West Hoboken, New Durham and Highwood. Her last named having only 50 families, received 28 new members. Gains—families 413; members 276: Sabbath-school 276; congregational purposes $9,835.02.

Classis of South Bergen.—This Classis has not come up to its record last year. Although a smaller number were received and a larger number died, yet the total number in communion is considerably larger. Some churches have a method of compiling statistics not self-evident.

In gifts the average per member is as follows: For congregational purposes, $12.99; for denominational benevolence, 89 cents; for other benevolence, 56 cents.

Classsis of Monmouth.—This Classis reports an all but general advance. Holmdel observed the 10th anniversary of the present pastorate, and 2nd Freehold the 25th.

Classis of Newark sends a note of ringing cheer. A steady growth in every line of church work and in nearly every church during the past ten years. This year the best of the ten. The ministerial force has suffered little change and no loss. 100 more families are under the care of Classis than last year, and 363 more members. There is a deeper spirit of fellowship and a growing interest in the study of missions. Note burning services, advance in contributions, church decorated, members received at almost every evening service, attendance

it taxes the capacity of the church, prayer meeting crowded, for-
n missionary supported, a new church soon to be organized, &c. &c.
Classis of New Brunswick.—The statistical reports are not encour-
compared with last year. Decrease is shown in number of fami-
33 ; accessions by confession 29, certificate 15 ; in contributions
benevolent objects $500 ; an increase in gifts for congregational
poses of $4,500.
he First New Brunswick reports great activity, material improve-
its to Sunday-school building, and mourns the death of Dr. Cooper.
he Second New Brunswick has experienced unprecedented loss by
h and removals, and rejoices in glad willingness of people to work
give.
lassis of Paramus.—Strong growth has marked the year in this
sis in nearly every department.
equackanonck has assumed the support of the Rev. H. V. S. Peeke,
aga, Japan.
lifton reports material improvement.
len Rock has purchased a building and half acre of land for par-
ge.
ramus is fitting church, chapel and parsonage with electric lights.
terson, Broadway, raised $770 for refurnishing the chapel.
appan has prospered financially.
arwick is thoroughly renovating its church edifice. On January
it celebrated its centennial.
lassis of Passaic.—Spiritual increase with financial decrease marks
report of this Classis. The latter is accounted for by the severe
ter and the disastrous floods. Quiet, purposeful agreement marks
activity of each church.
lassis of Philadelphia.—The year past for this Classis seems to have
n one tending to discouragement. Six churches failed to receive
additions on confession.
he Fourth Philadelphia stands forth with marked contrast, receiv-
71 on confession.
arlingen notes considerable material improvements. The finan-
condition is most encouraging through the adoption of the envel-
system. Other churches report material advance.
lassis of Raritan.—The reports would indicate a subnormal condi-
; but when the adverse conditions are considered, the year's work
been of a high order. Severe weather, poor crops and many
hs have lowered the statistical showing. One church, with a mem-
hip of 332, has given for benevolence, (denominational objects)
40, a little over 12 cents per member.

In conclusion we would say that the Classis of Newark has sounded the bugle call to the other Classes to fall into line, and if they follow the whole cause of Christ under our immediate care will have a splen did uplift.

Respectfully submitted,

P. T. POCKMAN,
A J. WALTER,
A. DEMAREST.

CLASSIS OF BERGEN.

The report of the Classis of Bergen, herewith presented, indicates that the year has been one of spiritual and financial prosperity. The fluctuations in the rise and fall in the addition to the membership of particular churches is such as may naturally be expected. It is not "by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit, saith the Lord, that the Master's work is accomplished, and the Spirit worketh whensoever and wheresoever He will." A decrease in the addition to the membership of any church is therefore no evidence that the Spirit is not present, but rather His power may be mightily felt through the faithful discharge of the ministry; and the seed sown will presently feel the quickening influence of rich spiritual showers. A glance at the statistics gives evidence of the fact that certain churches during the past year have been graciously situated in the spiritual rainbelt. Let it remind us anew that God's atmosphere is surcharged with the dews of spiritual reviving, and let it urge us to the yet more faithful employment of preaching, praise and prayer, as the effectual instruments whereby these clouds so big with mercy will burst in dropping on our heads. Several of the churches report special cause for thanksgiving.

The report of the *First Church of Hackensack* is of gratitude to God for his presence among them; while amid many signs of discouragement "all the departments of church work have kept to their usual tone of vigor and interest."

Schraalenburgh adds no remarks to its report, but it is very evident that the Lord of the harvest has blessed his people there. Decrease in benevolence.

English Neighborhood rejoices in the sure signs of God's presence among them. "Steady advances have been made along most lines of church work; the services for prayer and Bible study have been maintained with good attendance and excellent spirit, while a series of special gospel services brought with them a refreshing of souls."

Grove Reformed, of New Durham, in both church and chapel have witnessed the presence of God's spirit among them. They speak of an unusually large accession in membership; and the West New York chapel is growing into a flourishing church.

First Hoboken, though without a pastor for many months reports that the organizations of the church are in a healthy condition. They await the coming of a new shepherd in the near future.

North Bergen, while appending no remarks to its report, gives sure signs of life and activity.

Second Hackensack reports as its sign of life, strong and unabated missionary activity, zeal among its various organizations, and the removal of a debt of $1,000.

The work of the *German Evangelical of Hoboken* is indicative of strong spiritual activity, and an unmistaken evidence of financial prosperity.

Third Hackensack is building heavenward, having expended $1,000 for building a tower and completing its house of worship. It reports also a steady progress spiritually.

Closter adds no remarks to its report, but a glance at the same gives proof of the manifestation of God's power among them.

Coytesville has seen the presence of God amid darkness and light. A wave of affliction has rolled over them, and within two months God has honored this branch of Zion by calling home three strong and faithful pillars of the church, one a consecrated doorkeeper in God's house, and two faithful senior elders. It is hard to understand the ways of God, but there is joy in submission to his will. There has been a steady progress of church work; and the special evangelistic services were blessed to all, several having been added to the church, of which number four were young men.

Guttenberg mentions as "the features of the year, unity, peace, cordial co-operation in pushing church interests, while spiritual affairs have progressed steadily." A spirit of large liberality is manifest among them.

Central Avenue, Jersey City, has nothing to say, but its life and activity indicates that it has not passed, forgotten by the gracious tokens of God's love. They have paid off a balance of $1,500 of mortgage indebtedness.

Cherry Hill states that "The year has been marked by a deeper interest in spiritual things, by earnest and united effort in christian work, by faithful attendance at divine worship, and by careful attention to temporal affairs."

Secaucus has been faithfully supplied, but a spiritual awakening is longed for ardently.

The work at *Spring Valley* has steadily and satisfactorily continued; and they express their gratitude to God while they meet the coming year with courage.

Westwood, though compelled to state that its accessions to membership have been considerably less than the previous year, gives clear and positive evidences of life in its large increase in benevolence, and the generosity of its people.

Oradell "reports a normal year." In spite of a change of pastorates and a break in the continuity of the church's work, "the accessions to the church are eneouraging. The field here is a promising one, and we wait the coming of a refreshing from above."

Hasbrouck Heights has passed through the furnace of affliction since they were compelled to part with their beloved pastor, Dr. Charles I. Shepard. The Lord of the church has nevertheless been with them, and the work, both spiritually and financially, has progressed, while a new pastor is awaited among them soon.

The little church of *Highwood* has been the scene of remarkable activity. Twenty-eight have been added to its roll; and in every way the life of the church manifests the vigor and joy of a youthful spiritual enthusiasm.

Rochelle Park presents no special report, but the blessing of God has been upon them. The departure of their pastor leaves this church without the guidance of a shepherd.

The Bogart Memorial, at Bogota, is flourishing under the new pastorate of Rev. M. Seymour Purdy. There is an indication of progress in every department of work.

First West Hoboken closes its second year with gladness. Large spiritual, as well as financial blessing, have been given to them. There has been an advance along all lines of the church's life, and a most beautiful spirit and harmony of effort is exhibited among them. The place in which they worship has become too strait for them, and they look forward hopefully to the building of a new church.

In this acceptable year of God's blessing upon us we have been made to mourn the departure of one who was beloved by all, and highly honored among us. On the sixth day of October, 1903, brother Charles I. Shepard was translated to his Father's home above. May He who controls all things by the might of his power appoint unto the church thus left vacant, "beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; that they might be called

righteousness, the planting of the Lord, that he might be glori-
This church has extended a provisional call to Mr. F. P. Tulp,
New Brunswick Theological Seminary, which he has accepted.
pastoral relation between the Rev. J. F. E. DeWitt and the
of Oradell was dissolved on June 30, 1903, and in due time,
urch having extended a call to the Rev. Edgar I. McCully, this
accepted and was welcomed from the Classis of Hudson, and
twelfth day of January, 1904, was duly installed over said

Rev. A. W. Hopper was welcomed from the Classis of Rensse-
l installed at West New York, on Sept. 10, 1903, to serve the
located there, as an assistant to the Grove Reformed. A rich
g has thus far accompanied his labors.

pastoral relation between the Rev. J. G. Addy and the First
at Hoboken was dissolved Nov. 1, 1903, and this brother was
smissed, at his request, to the South Classis of Long Island.
urch, after several months, has extended a provisional call to
onzo Ranson, of the New Brunswick Theological Seminary, and
given to them a favorable reply.

church at Rochelle Park has been loath to part with their pas-
Rev. Geo. McPherson Hunter, who has accepted a call for ser-
a larger and more influential sphere of labor. The Classis bids
d speed, and looks for great blessing upon his work.

Highwood Church ordained and installed as its pastor the li-
e, John C. Gardiner, from the South Classis of Long Island, on
h day of July, 1903. The blessing that has thus far accom-
his labors gives certain evidence of the divine favor.

people at Bogota were made to rejoice in seeing a second brother
d and installed over their church, the licentiate, M. Seymour
having been received from the North Classis of Long Island,
e pastoral relation between him and the Bogart Memorial
was constituted on the 15th of September, 1903. Their former
the Rev. Holmes MacMillan, has at his request been dismissed
Presbytery of Los Angeles, Cal.

banner church for missions is that of brother Talmage, of West-
with the Second and First of Hackensack closely following.
gest accession to membership was witnessed among the people
v Durham and West New York, as also the youngest born of
Hoboken; but the banner church for largest average accession
of Highwood, with an addition of twenty-eight, the number of
s being only fifty.

If there is one thing to be regretted it is that with the increase of benevolence, the increase for denominational objects does not seem to have kept pace. Benevolence is a grace of the spirit, but its exercise should begin at home and not be diverted to other channels, while the Boards of the church are languishing for funds.

In this manner the Spirit has wrought among us. The accessions to the churches as well as the gifts to missions and benevolences show that the spirit of the Master is at work among us. The statistics indicate that it pays to render extra services to the Lord of the Church. The fraternal interchange of pulpits and greetings of God's servants, both as pastor and laity among each other through the evangelistic services conducted in several churches, have left a wholesome and abiding influence upon the life of the chnrches. If the church is to fulfill its mission this zeal for Christ must remain unabated, and rather increased. What, therefore, "shall we render unto the Lord for all his benefits towards us? Let us take the cup of salvation and call upon the name of the Lord." In view of the blessing received from on high during the past year your Committee submits to you:

First—That Classis set aside a half-hour of its session this afternoon for solemn thanksgiving to God, expressing our profound gratitude to the Holy Spirit that He has heard our supplication and has labored among us to the honor of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Second—That the evangelistic zeal among the churches blessed so abundantly be urged anew, and the fraternal exchange of pulpits be continued with renewed activity and zeal.

FLORIS FERWERDA,
EDWARD DAWSON.

SOUTH CLASSIS OF BERGEN.

Report of the Committee on the State of Religion of the South Classis of Bergen.

From the returns from the churches of this Classis it appears that on the whole the work has been well sustained. Two report a large decrease in the number of families, and one a very large decrease in number of members, 160 less than last year's report. However, there has been a net gain of 119 in the total membership. We note particularly the great loss by death, of the Second church, Hudson City. Three of the churches are at present without a pastor. One of these reports a pastor-elect, and another the expectation of soon calling one.

Six churches have contributed to all the Funds and Boards of the

Denomination. Some of them have made offerings to only Foreign and Domestic Missions. The Committee would cordially lay upon the hearts of all the pastors and members, that according to our ability we should share in the Missionary and Benevolent work of the church. The average per member during the year has been as follows: For congregational purposes, $12.99; for denominational benevolence, .89; for other benevolence, .56. The Great Commission "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel," and the prayer we so often utter, "Thy kingdom come," call us to a larger service than these figures indicate. We call attention to the marked evidences of development in the First German Evangelical church of Jersey City, and the Third church of Bayonne. As a Classis we hold in grateful remembrance the lives and services of Rev. T. J. Kommers, and Elders Nelson M. Whipple and John A. Bouker, who have entered into the possession of the inheritance of the saints.

Ministerial Changes.—Rev. J. Francis Morgan was released from the pastorate of Park Reformed church and dismissed to the Presbytery of Jersey City, having accepted a call to the Claremont Presbyterian church, Jersey City.

Rev. Jasper S. Hogan was received from the Classis of Passaic and installed pastor of the Lafayette church on Sept. 23, 1903.

Rev. Otto L. F. Mohn was dismissed to the Classis of New York, and on Jan. 1, 1904, entered upon the work of assistant pastor in the Marble Collegiate church.

The pastoral relation between Rev. James P. Stofflet and the Free Reformed church was dissolved on the 2nd of Feb., 1904; and on Feb. 23rd he was installed pastor of the Park Reformed church of this Classis.

On the 12th of Oct., 1903, the pastoral relation between Rev. Herbert L. Franzen and the Third Reformed church of Bayonne was dissolved.

Rev. T. J. Kommers entered into rest on the 2nd day of April, 1904, and was buried at San Diego, Cal., on Easter Sunday P. M.

Reports of the churches:

The Church of Bergen gratefully reports another year of service. Financial condition good, and a substantial increase in number of families and membership, making the largest number of both in the history of the church. The church is well organized and the members of the several organizations are zealous. The assistant pastor has visited the families of children in the Sunday-school and Boys' Brigade, thus bringing many new families in touch with the church. Very satisfactory results have been obtained by turning the adolescent por-

tion of the Sunday-school into a pastor's class during the weeks preceding Easter.

The First Church of Bayonne reports a year of normal growth and work. The Sunday services well attended and the various organizations well sustained. Departments of finance, membership, benevolence, education and music have been organized. In the better organization of the church, in the larger amount of work done, and for a larger influence exerted, this church praises God.

The Wayne Street Church reports an exceptional year in temporalities. The church property has been thoroughly renovated at a cost of $250.00, all paid, and no help from outside parties. There has also been a very satisfactory increase in the offerings for benevolence. There has been an accession to the membership of 25 on confession and 9 by letter. Tribute is paid to the memory of Elder Nelson M. Whipple who died during the year. The "Crusades" missionary organization has been well established in the Sunday-school. With a beautiful church, an enthusiastic people, and the blessing of the spirit of God, this down town church hopefully and trustfully devotes itself to the difficult work to which it has fallen heir.

The Park Church sends statistics only.

The Fifth Street Church, Bayonne, gratefully acknowledges the privileges and blessings of the past year. An excellent spirit prevails, and the work is well sustained. During the past winter union services were held with the Methodist and Baptist churches, which were a blessing to many christians, as also to many who were not members of the churches. We received eight members as our share of the fruitage. A Junior Christian Endeavor and two King's Daughters circles have been organized. There has been a good increase in the number of families and members of the church, and in the funds for benevolence and congregational purposes.

The Second Church of Hudson City sends only statistics. These tell of a good work along all lines. A remarkable number of members of this church have died during the year.

Lafayette Church presents its annual report with mingled sorrow and joy. The recent death of Rev. T. J. Kommers, who for eleven years was pastor of this church, has brought sorrow to many, to whom he had been a blessing in his ministry. Also the death of Elder John A. Bouker, who had continually held office in the church since its organization is a reason for sincere sorrow. While reporting these sad events, the church has also reason for gratitude. A new pastor, the Rev. J. S. Hogan, has been settled, the mortgage on the parsonage has

been liquidated, a large accession to the membership of the church has been made. With gratitude for the tokens of divine favor this church courageously faces the future.

Greenville sends statistical report only. This church expects soon to settle a pastor, to succeed Rev. O. L. F. Mohn, who recently resigned.

Free, Jersey City is at present without a pastor. The work during the year has been blessed as indicated by the accessions. Local objects of benevolence have made a demand on the resources of the church so that the Boards of the church have not received a large amount. The church reports "trying to do a good work."

Third, Bayonne, reports a renewed interest in the work, an increase in attendance and finances, the expectation of soon calling a pastor, and a contribution to all the Funds and Boards of the church.

First German Evangelical reports the best year in its history, made possible by the grace of God, a healthy enthusiasm and hard work on the part of the people. Grateful mention is made of friends who contributed money. Church attendance is good and Sunday-school in excellent condition, and all other departments working harmoniously. The purpose is expressed, to do God's work as best they know.

St. John German Evangelical Church reports only statistics, which indicate a healthful and growing condition.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

FERDINAND S. WILSON,
MATTHEW MUELLER,
GEORGE CARRAGAN,
Committee.

CLASSIS OF MONMOUTH.

Your Committee on State of Religion would respectfully report that they have received statements from all the churches within the bounds of Classis. A comparison of the statistics with those of last year show an increase in the number of those that were received on confession of faith, a decrease in number of those admitted by letter, and a less number dismissed to other congregations. Remembering the remarkable record last year of one of the smaller churches in infant baptism, we note that this year there has been an increase, also in both infant and adult baptisms. There has been a slight increase in the number of Sabbath-school scholars. In regard to the financial reports it appears that seven churches have given more to denominational objects

than they gave last year, and three gave less. For congregational purposes five have given more than they gave last year, and five gave less. From a review of the statistical table we see that there is an increase over last year in seven columns, namely, number of families, communicants received, total in communion, baptisms, infants, adults, enrollment in Sabbath-school, and gifts to denominational objects, showing a healthy condition of the churches in the Classis.

In accordance with the injunction of General Synod "That the several Classes make their reports on the state of religion include, as far as possible, a synopsis of the statements of the individual consistories." We submit also the following extracts from the reports sent us:

First Church of Freehold reports "All the departments of church work have been carried on with an earnest and cheerful spirit. Brotherly love prevails and christian liberality flourishes, though in spiritual results its record has been a disappointment. Yet we are not disheartened, but turn our faces toward the future with the desire and expectation, hence hope that God will visit us with a gracious outpouring of His Holy Spirit."

Holmdel says "We have had a very pleasant and profitable year of work. Good feeling and harmony prevails. Considerable earnestness is displayed in furthering all projects looking toward the welfare of the church. The 10th anniversary of the present pastorate was observed with appropriate services."

Middletown states "Everything has been and continues to be most harmonious and pleasant. Spiritually we feel that we have been blessed—of the nine who have come in with us, six have been men. Our preaching services have been well attended. We are looking forward to the coming year with great hopes that He whose coming is like the still small voice, and whom we feel is in our midst, will make some manifestation of His gracious power."

Second, Freehold, emphasizes these three points:

First, a larger accession on confession than for some time. One of those who came was 85 years of age. He was a great-grandson of Rev. Antonides, a former pastor in our denomination.

Second, continued harmony in the church, which was especially manifest in the general expression of good will for each other and the pastor, at the celebration of the 25th anniversary of the present pastorate.

Third, the narrow escape from destruction by fire of the parsonage on the night of March 4th, without harm to the pastor's family or serious damage to their's or the church's property.

Keyport says "Owing to the unsettled condition of our church in not having a pastor, things are not as flourishing as they should be. Sunday-school fairly attended. Prayer meetings well attended. We feel our need of a good, faithful and energetic pastor."

First, Long Branch, reports "The year has been one of quiet work with varied results. We lament the small ingathering of members, but hope and pray that the seed sown will bring its rich harvest in the near future. We rejoice that the church after two years of withholding has again taken up the work of benevolence, and that we have been able to do as well as we have. We believe that this return to benevolence is prophetic of new life and of enlarged prosperity in the days to come."

Colts Neck says "By the grace of God we are able to report a prosperous year in His work. There has been increase in membership over that of last year, and a general financial condition better than that of any previous year in the church's history. The spiritual life of the church is manifest; we enter upon the new year full of hope."

Highlands states, "Though without a pastor the Sunday-school still retains its vigor, and the weekly prayer meetings have been held. The congregation rejoices in the preservation of their church building from the fire that swept through the town, and recognizes the hand of God in the preservation of that which stands as a witness for Him and His truth."

First, Asbury Park, reports "We have had a happy, profitable and encouraging year. Our earnest prayer is that God will help us to do better this year than ever before."

First, Red Bank, says "During the past year the Red Bank church has been incorporated and the church property has been deeded to it. There has been a gradual development in all departments of the work. The audience room has been newly carpeted; $170.00 has been raised toward completing the basement. These efforts have called forth the sympathy and assistance of many people. This once almost discouraged mission has already become an encouraged church. 14 have been added to the church on confession and 7 by letter."

The following changes have taken place:

The pastoral relation between the Rev. John Erler and the Church of Highlands was dissolved on Aug. 31, 1903, and he was dismissed to the Classis of Montgomery within whose bounds he had rceeived and accepted a call.

The pastoral relation between the Rev. Floyd Decker and the church at Keyport was dissolved on Oct. 31, 1903; and he was dismissed to the

Classis of New York within whose bounds he had received and accepted a call.

The Licentiate Willard D. Brown has been received from the Classis of Schoharie and ordained and installed as pastor over the church at Middletown.

Respectfully submitted,

ABRAM L. MARTINE,
Chairman.

CLASSIS OF NEWARK.

The reports from the churches are most encouraging. The Classis of Newark has had a steady growth in every line of church work, and in nearly every church during the past ten years; and this year is the best of the ten. These facts give us great cause for rejoicing, and we are none the less happy in that the year closes with a deeper spirit of fellowship among all the churches than ever before, and not one of the ministerial force lost by removal from classical relationship.

Changes there have been. The former pastor of Montclair Heights Church has joined forces with Dr. Vance in the North Church, and has been succeeded by Rev. Albert Schlieder.

The Irvington Church, whose pastor resigned because of ill health, is now ministered to by Rev. Uriah McClinchie, and the Rev. John Justin has become stated supply over the German Reformed Church of Plainfield.

It is interesting to note the growth of Classis for the last ten years. There has been a gain in families of 346; communicants 923; Sabbath school scholars 766; benevolences, $13,500.00; contributions for congregational purposes $18,000.00, and more accessions to membership than in any year of the ten. There are 100 more families under the care of the churches this year than last. There have been 548 accessions, 343 on confession, and 205 by certificate—a total gain over deaths and dismissals of 303. Our twenty Sabbath-schools now have enrolled 6,313 scholars.

In rendering our report we desire to express our appreciation of the growing interest the churches of Classis are taking in the study of missions and missionary problems, and also to the several Boards of the Church for the improved methods of informing the churches in the work of the church.

Churches in particular:

Belleville Church renders a good report: 14 were added to the com-

municants roll, and a pleasing addition to the Sabbath-school. Recently that church held a note burning service, cancelling by payment a note of $500, which was of long standing.

First Church, Newark, shows pleasing additions to church and school, and a decided advance in contributions to denominational objects.

Irvington Church comes to Classis with much cause for rejoicing. Besides the purchase of a lot for a new church building in the near future, there has been added considerable to the building fund and 20 names to the church roll; 13 on confession and 7 by certificate. This church never had a brighter prospect than at present.

New York Avenue Church is happy in her new dress, improvements to church building and interior decorations. Large additions to the Sabbath-school rooms at a cost for both of $9,000 will help this busy church to meet the growing demands her populous community makes. There were 23 additions during the year.

Franklin Church has had "a deeply spiritual year." Reports an increase in the attendance upon all the services of the church and in the gifts to benevolences. The church expects soon to replace the old organ with a new one, and otherwise to improve the property.

North Reformed Church reports: "There have been no special services but the church has been in constant state of revival. At the close of almost every Sunday evening service there have been additions to the church." During the year 138 new members have been received, 91 on confession, 47 by letter, the largest number in any single year of the church's history. "The attendance at Sunday services are such as to tax the seating capacity of the church."

West Newark Church, which has been under the supervision of a Committee of Classis for some time, received the commendation of the committee and also of the Classis, and now declares for self support and church improvement.

The Clinton Avenue Church "records its gratitude to the Great Head of the church militant for one of the most prosperous years in its history. The prayer-meetings crowd the lecture room and the Sabbath congregations are increasingly large." The church has taken up the support of a foreign missionary, Rev. Frank Eckerson, of Amoy, China. The accessions during the year were 119.

Trinity Church of Newark, finds its faithful pastor closing the tenth year of service with that church, and the report proves it to have been the best year in the ten. "With gratitude to God we cheerfully state that the church shows decided advancement in all departments, and is

now equipped with up-to-date buildings and methods. The Sunday-school is organized in accordance with advanced ideas—cradle roll, kindergarten, primary, intermediate, senior, &c." During last year all expenses were met, floating debts reduced, $225 paid on mortgage, and 21 added to the roll of communicants.

Linden Church, which for twenty-five years has had no regular settled pastor, expects at an early date to extend a call to the minister who for the past eleven years has had charge of the Sunday and mid-week services. The Classis is much encouraged over the possibilities of this field.

Christ Church has had a banner year in this, spiritual and material. 31 persons have been received, the number of families have grown, benevolences the largest for years, and the Sabbath-school has grown in numbers. During the year mortgages have been cancelled on church and parsonage. Now the church has plans out for a much needed church building. A building committee is procuring funds and a considerable amount has been secured. It is the plan of the church to build within a year.

Brookdale reports no additions, but does report increased contributions to benevolent objects, and excellent attendance upon the regular means of grace.

First Church of Orange, "In making its annual report to the Classis would gratefully record the kindness of God in giving prosperity, peace and constant accessions." 40 have been received to the communion. Large and interested congregations have been attendant upon the preaching of the Word. "The ladies' guilds have been particularly active and successful, and a new system of teaching in the Sunday-school has added fresh enthusiasm in the work."

Trinity, of Plainfield, as usual, brings in a good report. There were 42 additions, 18 on confession, and 24 on certificate. "The means of grace have been well sustained. The Sunday-school continues to grow and the demand is for more room. The contributions to the Boards slightly exceed those of last year. The various organizations are doing their work faithfully."

German, Plainfield. This church, which has enjoyed the faithful work of a stated supply for nine months, reports:

1. Financial condition improved. Floating debt and interest on mortgages, together with all bills for improvements made to property paid. A balance is in the treasury.

2. "While the congregation is smaller than years ago, some are re-

turning, and the little flock remaining has zealously and earnestly attended to the interest of the church and sustained the work."

3. "The church is a necessary and important mission in the community. There are a large number of Germans who cannot be benefited by an English service, and it is advisable that Classis continue in patience and love the fostering care of this little flock."

Montclair Heights. Under the new pastor this church is winning new friends. The church has been presented during the year with a large building plot for a church manse, the gift of one who, while holding church membership in another denomination, had contributed largely in money and work to this church. "Plans in the woman's society and Sunday-school have been adopted looking to an increase for denominational benevolences. The outlook is most encouraging."

A new church will soon be organized at Hyde Park, East Orange. For a year a Sunday-school and prayer-meeting has been held in the auditorium of the Hyde Park Club House. The Committee of Classis reported the fitness of procuring the Club House and grounds, which are valued at over $10,000, and which could be procured for half that amount, and in the near future to establish a church and call a minister. This is a most promising field in a beautiful and growing residential section, and the Classis authorized the committee to close with this unusual offer, purchase the property and proceed to organize a Reformed Church. This the committee is taking steps to fulfill, and we shall soon expect a vigorous and self-sustaining church at Hyde Park.

CHAS. WYCKOFF GULICK,
Chairman.

CLASSIS OF NEW BRUNSWICK.

Report of the committee on the State of Religion.

A comparison of the statistics with those presented last year shows:

1. That the number of families connected with our church within the bounds of this Classis has been reduced by thirty-three.

2. That the accessions by confession are fewer by twenty-nine than last year, and those by certificate are also fewer by fifteen.

3. The net increase in the membership of the churches is three.

4. There has been a falling off in the contributions to denominational benevolences amounting to over five hundred dollars, and also a falling off in the contributions to outside objects amounting to one hundred and sixty-nine dollars.

5. There has been an increase of funds raised for congregational purposes amounting to (approximately) four thousand, five hundred dollars.

This showing is certainly not as encouraging as we could wish, yet is not necessarily discouraging. Nearly every church, as the several reports show, has received some token of the Divine favor for which it returns thanks to God, and from which it draws encouragement for the future.

It appears that the word has been faithfully proclaimed and efforts earnestly made as the way seemed opened for prosecuting the work of the kingdom, and the blessing of God has been sought. There human responsibility ceases ; the results are God's responsibility.

The several churches report as follows :

First, New Brunswick reports a year of unusual activity ; material improvements in the Sunday-school building ; a steady accession, though not so large as usual ; much sickness : some removals ; not a few deaths, and has lost the fellowship and co-operation of the beloved Dr. Cooper.

Six Mile Run comes with commingled sorrow and joy, having felt as never before the inroad that is being made upon so many of the rural congregations throughout the land by death and removal ; and having, on the other hand, received a manifestation of the grace of God in a goodly accession to her membership upon confession of faith, rejoicing also in the generosity of her people in responding to special demands for money, and looks to the future with hope for a continuation of Divine favor.

Hillsborough besides announcing her pastorless condition sends only statistics.

Middlebush tells of spiritual and temporal progress ; a net gain of fifteen to the number of communicants ; an all round increase of offerings ; good attendance at church services ; the beautifying of the house of worship, and the prospect of speedily possessing a new chapel.

Griggstown sends statistics only.

Second, New Brunswick, has felt an unprecedented loss by death and removal, yet expresses gratitude for accessions at every communion save one, and for the willingness of the people to maintain to a good degree her standard of benevolence and to meet congregational obligations.

Bound Brook rejoices in spiritual and material prosperity, a gratifying increase to her membership, and extensive improvement to the church edifice without incurring debt.

East Millstone tells of a seemingly fair spiritual condition, losses almost balanced by additions, a marked spirit of unity, excellent financial condition, and a decided increase in benevolent offerings.

Metuchen reports a healthful spiritual condition, an increase of contributions for both benevolent objects and congregational purposes, and a spirit of unity.

Suydam Street looks to the near future to reveal the results of a quiet evangelistic work, and rejoices in the readiness of the congregation to provide for needed repairs and improvements.

Highland Park has passed through the critical experience of changing pastors, rejoices in an improved condition generally, and sees the signs of a coming ingathering of souls.

Spotswood reports an addition of six upon confession, four of whom are men, and two upon certificate ; also improvements to church property.

Ministerial Changes.—The following changes have taken place : The licenciate, John D. Grul, has been dismissed to the Classis of Orange, within whose bounds he has accepted a call. The Reverend E. J. Meeker has been received from the Classis of Montgomery and installed pastor of Highland Park. Revs. J. H. Wyckoff, L. B. Chamberlain, W. I. Chamberlain and H. J. Scudder have been received from the late Classis of Arcot. The Rev. Theodore Shafer has been released from the church of Hillsborough and dismissed to the Classis of Illinois within whose bounds he has accepted a call.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWARD V. V. SEARLE,

Chairman.

CLASSIS OF PARAMUS.

The committee on State of Religion reports as follows :

Acquackanonck " makes thankful recognition of God's continued goodness. The services on the Sabbath day have been largely attended. The church has assumed the support of the Rev. H. V. S. Peeke of Saga, Japan, as her representative on the foreign mission field."

Centerville reports a prosperous year, though one of religious instruction and spiritual edification rather than of conversion and ingathering of members. Services have been regularly maintained and well attended. There has been neither gain nor loss in numbers and interest in the Sunday-school and Christian Endeavor Societies, though their offerings to missions have largely increased. The benevolent of-

ferings from all sources have nearly tripled the amount given three years ago, showing a steadily increasing interest in missions; and one third more was also contributed for congregational purposes. The incidental expenses have been again defrayed by the Ladies' Aid, which has on hand nearly enough money to purchase a new carpet. There is much cause for thankfulness.

Clarkstown sends statistics only.

Clifton rejoices in the plenitude of God's mercies and makes thankful mention of its new church dedicated last May. At the same time its organ was rebuilt and furnished with a motor. The spiritual interest of the church has been well sustained and the attendance upon its services increased.

Garfield has passed through a very happy year. The enlargement of the church accomplished through the kindness of the Board of Domestic Missions and others has given renewed courage, and the church looks forward with good hope for the future. The Sunday-school constantly grows. While the growth of the church is slow, yet confidence is expressed that the time will come when the church shall be self-supporting, and able also to help others.

Glen Rock states that they have bought a building with half an acre of land for a parsonage, the cost being $2,050. The church has raised $450 for the debt and $50 for the interest. With $800 from the Board, the debt is reduced to $800.

Hawthorne reports services well attended and spiritual condition of the church very encouraging. The Sunday-school is the brightest feature of the church. The "Sunday-school Roll" is revised, quarterly, and shows an actual membership of 123. More than ten new scholars were added to the Sunday-school during the last month. The Sunday-school has given money for missions and also to the church, as also has the Christian Endeavor Society which is in good condition. The Ladies' Aid Society is referred to as "the best society in the church for money making," having given $200 last year. "Pray for us."

Lodi, First Holland.—"Through the goodness of God, the First Reformed Church of Lodi, N. J., is gradually advancing, both as regards material and also spiritual affairs. Our hope is in the Lord who rules the universe."

Lodi, Second, has sent no report.

North Paterson sends statistics only.

Nyack sends statistics with statement that the Rev. Sartell Prentice,

Jr., has been called to the pastorate and will assume the oversight of this church, May 1st.

Paramus notes a small net increase in membership. "The Sabbath-school has increased considerably in missionary contributions, and over 100 of its members are pledged to total abstinence." The financial condition is healthy, the efficiency of the ladies being recognized. Electric lights are being placed in church, chapel and parsonage.

Pascack renders thanksgiving for the continued blessing of God. The Consistory states: "After a term of service, embracing twenty-nine years of active and fruitful ministry among us, the Rev. Edward Lodewick has resigned; and we hereby place on record our deep appreciation of his faithful ministry. During his pastorate 280 have joined this church, 189 on confession and 91 by letter." A new pastor, Rev. F. A. Seibert, formerly of the Ocean Hill Reformed Church, was installed April 10. The Consistory humbly prays that "the Head of the Church may prosper them in their new relationship."

Passaic, First Holland sends statistics only.

Passaic, North.—"Nothing of special interest to report. Work has been progressing as usual, with the exception of the organization of the young people in a manner varying somewhat from that of the Christian Endeavor."

Paterson, Broadway, reports a prosperous year, all financial obligations having been met, and in addition $770 raised for refurnishing the chapel. With public services well sustained there is a slow but steady growth in many lines. The attractions of city life tend to interfere with spiritual interests, and a spiritual revival is prayed for. The congregation is united and earnest and peace reigns. "We thank God and take courage."

Paterson, First Holland.—The church has suffered materially by the late flood, and has not fully recovered, although $200 was received from the churches of the Classis to repair the damaged property. The Sunday-school and Y. P. S. C. E. have no books for their libraries. The people having suffered heavily individually, the finances are affected. Spiritually the church "grows in loyalty to the Master and His word."

Paterson, Second, is "grateful for a year of ordinary blessing and prosperity."

Piermont reports a successful year, with statement of accessions and renewed activity in all societies of the church. Increased gifts for missions by the Missionary Society and response on the part of the

people in giving for home purposes. The Church Aid Society (formerly Ladies' Aid) and a new society of the ladies with special object of paying an outstanding obligation, both have done nobly. The King's Daughters Society has increased its usefulness by becoming non-sectarian, though the report for benevolences is thus lessened. God's blessing is desired for the coming days.

Ramapo send statistics only.

Ridgewood reports a year of general prosperity, with uninterrupted growth in financial strength. Serious loss by death, largely among the aged, is noted. "The excellent attendance upon divine worship, both morning and evening, and the earnest work of the young people in Christian Endeavor Societies and the Sunday-school argues well for the future."

Saddle River sends statistics only.

Spring Valley.—Having disposed of their church building on April 1, 1903, the M. E. Church, of Spring Valley, N. Y., through the invitation of the Reformed Church, have been worshipping with the latter, the pastors alternating in leading the services. Nothing has occurred to mar christian fellowship or to interfere with the edification of either society. Our church at Spring Valley reports their usual success in the Redeemer's work, and are moving on with gratitude for their manifold favors, praying and hoping for more power from on high and for greater success. "While some organs of our church come short, through sinless infirmities, of normal vigor, other organs are thereby excited to more activity, and thus much hitherto undeveloped or dormant power is brought into action for the edification of the whole body. It thus comes to pass that what is lost in one organ is supplied by another. And is not this the same in the organs of the natural body? And both alike show God's wisdom."

Tappan.—This church reports a year of great financial prosperity, the pastor's salary having been increased and the large floating debt almost paid. Several improvements have been made including the lighting of the church with electricity. The attendance at the services has been excellent, and though the number received has not been large, there is a deep and growing religious fervor, promising a large accession in the near future.

Warwick.—The past year has witnessed the renovation of the church edifice after 13 years of use. Walls have been re-decorated and floors carpeted, and choir space enlarged, and besides, improvements including electric lights have been made in the parsonage. Ample funds were subscribed for all. (The congregation worshipped with

her village churches at the preaching services, and the other services were regularly maintained.) This present year being the centennial year of the church (the date of organization being Jan. 8, 1804), this church, which was the first church organized by the Classis of Paramus, suitably marked the day by an official reception, and a more extended celebration will be held in June. "The church is in most excellent and vigorous condition at this beginning of its second century of life, with prospects never brighter."

West New Hempstead sends statistics only.

Wortendyke, Holland.—"In things material and temporal we have reason to thank God and take courage. Congregational contributions show a gratifying increase of 66 per cent., owing to extra effort. Long neglected repairs had become imperative. We also began paying off the old and burdensome debt. Contributions to benevolences almost doubled. Attendance upon the means of grace exhibits improvement, still we deplore that spiritual growth by no means keeps pace with the material. Reviving grace is our urgent need. Many are sadly negligent in christian duty. Appearances do not indicate consuming zeal for the house of the Lord."

HOWARD C. HASBROUCK,
Chairman.

Ministerial Changes.—Aug 31, 1903, the Rev. Wietse Lubach passed to his heavenly reward at his home in Wortendyke, N. J., in the 79th year of his age.

October 20, 1903, the pastoral relation existing between the Rev. Edward Lodewick and the Reformed church at Pascack, Park Ridge, N. J., was dissolved, at his own request, because of failing health.

February 16, 1904, the Rev. Francis A. Seibert was received from the South Classis of Long Island and installed pastor of the Reformed Church at Pascack, Park Ridge, N. J., April 10, 1904.

April 19, 1904, the pastoral relation existing between the Rev. Elias N. Thompson and the Broadway Reformed Church, Paterson, N. J., was dissolved to take effect June 30th, 1904, because of his having accepted a call from the Board of Domestic Missions to superintend the Board's work in Oklahoma.

THEO. W. WELLES,
Stated Clerk.

CLASSIS OF PASSAIC

The Committee on the State of Religion respectfully reports.

The condition of the churches in Classis is very encouraging. The number of families has increased by 2. From the reports of admission on confession of faith, there has been a gain of 10 and a gain by letter of 6. Your committee notices a unique fact that number of dismissions and deaths is the same as last year. The sum total of communicants has been increased by 178. Contributions for denominational objects are $200.63 less than last year. Contributions for other benevolent objects are $320.16 more than last year. Contributions for congregational objects show a loss of $3,063.08. Almost this entire apparent decrease in contributions for regular congregational purposes is accounted for through the fact of several churches making special payments for improvements and debts in the previous year. The decrease in denominational and increase in other benevolent objects is readily explained by those acquainted with the special demands made upon many of our churches by the losses in the Passaic and other valleys during the recent flood. Your committee herewith begs leave to submit the contents, in whole or in part of the Consistorical reports received from the several churches of the Classis.

Boonton.—We have enjoyed a year of pleasantness. Without marked evidences of prosperity, the year has been one of encouragement. We have made substantial gains in members and strength.

Fairfield.—The past year has been one of quiet growth. The church property and grounds have been improved and all is in excellent condition. Although the field is a scattered one, the congregations have been large, even during the severe weather of the winter—larger than they have been for several years. Additions to church membership have been made at each communion service. The spiritual life of the church has been deepened and we look forward to the future, thanking God for what He has done for us and with renewed courage.

First, Little Falls.—The past year has been spent in a zealous and steady effort to extend His kingdom. Union and harmony have prevailed throughout. The growth numerically is most encouraging, still our internal strength is more than proportionally increased. Contributions have been made to all the Boards of the church. While rejoicing in the prosperity of the past year we pray that God will quicken us to a more earnest effort in helping forward the cause of our dear Redeemer.

Second, Little Falls.—The past year has been a year of sowing. The preaching of the Word and all branches of church work were regularly attended. The finances of the church have been splendidly sustained and the different organizations have vied with each other along mis-

sionary and charitable lines which give great reasons for gratitude, and we are hopeful that ere long many may come to confess their Saviour.

Montville—Vacant.—We have had supplies and candidates and have had services every Sunday morning except one last winter. The attendance has been very good considering the cold weather. The Ladies' Aid Society is doing a fine work for the church.

People's Park, Paterson.—Statistical report only.

Pompton.—To look at our report and compare with that of last year it would seem we were making progress backward. But to be upon the field and realize the conditions due to flood and storm, the wonder is that the people have done as well as they have. The various organizations are working faithfully and aggressively in their several fields. We are hoping that the Master has for us in the immediate future a glorious awakening.

Pompton Plains.—Statistical report only.

Ponds.—Statistical report only.

Preakness.—The year has not been a prosperous one for us financially, due to a poor crop year and the severe weather of the recent winter which affected all our gatherings. On the other hand we have had a larger number of conversions than for several years. For this we are devoutly thankful.

Riverside.—The records of the past year show prosperity and progress along all lines. The Sunday-school is actively pressing forward. The Ladies' Aid and Missionary Society, has been unusually busy. Both Senior and Junior Endeavor Societies have increased their offerings to the church. An individual communion set, "the gift of a few friends," is used with great comfort and acceptance. Our roll of church membership is still increasing. With devout thankfulness to God for the past, we face the future with an abiding confidence that He is faithful who said "I,o, I am with you alway."

Sixth, Holland, Paterson.—Statistical report only.

Totowa, First, Paterson.—The year has been one of activity, devotion and growth. With united heart and voice we would say "Bless the Lord, O my soul; and all that is within me, bless His holy name."

Union Reformed, Paterson.—We close the year with grateful hearts. Our services were well attended. Our young people have shown a marked increase in activity in church work. The young people by permission of the Consistory bought and paid for a new pipe organ. We have also newly painted, decorated and carpeted our audience room. We look forward to greater blessings.

Wanaque.—Our church has been supplied by the students of the Seminary each Sunday. The prayer meeting is well attended. The field at Wanaque is most promising and the church hopes soon for good results in the settlement of a pastor.

Wyckoff.—Our plans, which had raised our hopes and expectations did not materialize as we had looked for. Depletion of members through death and removal has been steadily going on. After all we are thankful for what the Lord has done for us. His word has been preached Sundays and week days; the children of the church have been taught; old and young have been urged to walk in the ways of righteousness.

Respectfully submitted,

THEODORE FLOYD BAYLES,
ALEX. McKELVEY.

Ecclesiastical Changes.—On May 25, 1903, Candidate H. Tanis of the last class of the Theological Seminary at New Brunswick, was examined and licensed to preach the gospel.

Aug. 31, 1903, Rev. J. S. Hogan was dismissed to the South Classis of Bergen.

Oct. 6, 1903, Rev. C. M. Dixon was received from the Classis of Schoharie, and arrangements made for his installation over the Reformed church of Pompton, Oct. 21, but on account of the great damage by flood, bridges being washed away, and roads washed out, the installation did not occur until Nov. 4.

Oct. 18, 1903, Licentiate H. Tanis was dismissed to the Classis of Wisconsin.

Feb. 22, 1904, the Rev. O. L. Sigafoos was received from the Classis of Westchester, and arrangements were made for his installation over the Reformed church of Pompton Plains, said installation occurring March 17, 1904.

Since our last regular meetiug the Rev. E. C. Scudder has begun to labor under the auspices of the American Missionary Association at Lares, Porto Rico, but retains his relationship to this Classis.

GEO. W. LABAW,
Stated Clerk.

CLASSIS OF PHILADELPHIA.

In reviewing the reports we find sufficient results of a humbling character to restrain us from any undue elation.

Six churches have not received a single member by confession of faith, and in contributions toward denominational objects we have shown only a slight advance.

Although we realize that the presence of the Holy Spirit's convincing and converting power cannot be traced by any mathematical process, nor indicated with any exactness by figures, yet when a whole year passes, and not a single soul comes to acknowledge the gospel's power, we should search our hearts with all humility and ask if there be any lack in us?

However, the prevailing tone of the reports is one of gratitude and rejoicing in the blessings that have been received, blessings both spiritual and temporal. A total of 154 has been received on confession, a gain of 30 over last year, and 56 were received by certificate, which is also a gain ; the losses by dismissions and deaths were less by 24 than last year, making our net gain in membership 163.

It is a cheering sign that the privilege of baptism was claimed by the parents of 31 more infants than on the previous year.

We have 4 more Sunday-schools and the gain in enrollment is 452, with an increase of catechumens of 317. The returns show 137 more families.

It might be said that the larger numbers are accounted for by the three new churches organized among the colored people in South Carolina, but the accessions through these might all be deducted, and yet there will be a substantial increase in the totals mentioned.

Let us then, with devout thankfulness, acknowledge the goodness of God to our beloved Zion, and be encouraged to do better and more self-denying work for the Master's glory and the establishing of His kingdom.

Reports have been received from all the churches except one and are as follows:

North and South Hampton.—In reviewing the work of the year past we find much to cause sincere gratitude. The varied activities of our church have been well maintained, and some visible results show that we have not labored in vain. The offerings of our people for benevolent purposes and also to meet fully and promptly our own needs, indicate that we pray truly "Thy Kingdom Come." A most encouragiug spirit of harmony and co-operative good will prevails, and we cannot but feel hopeful for the future by the grace of God.

Harlingen.—We have had a busy, prosperous year. Have every reason to be grateful to the Lord for His manifold blessings. A healthy spiritual condition is shown in the increased number of accessions to

the membership, and also in the attendance at all services. This is especially marked in the attendance at the mid-week prayer meetings. The Sunday-school work is not as thoroughly organized as we would like to have it, and during the year we have tried some experiments which do not as yet seem to offer any solution to the particular problems that confront us. The Christian Endeavor Society has been completely reorganized and is at present conducting very helpful and interesting meetings.

The financial condition is exceedingly gratifying. Beginning with last April the envelope system was adopted for congregational and for some benevolent offerings. The result was a success surprising to many and enables us to close the year with all indebtedness canceled, and leaves a neat balance on hand in the treasury.

Many improvements to the church grounds and buildings have been made during the year. The interior of the church was handsomely painted and decorated last summer, and during the winter the half of the basement left at the time of the building of the present edifice was excavated preparatory to fitting it up with many comforts and conveniences making a main audience room, parlor, kitchen, cloak room, and coal room, which when completed will supply a long felt need. The dirt from the excavation was used to grade the yard. The parsonage, barn and outbuildings have been painted, and the fences repaired. Other improvements are contemplated. The people have responded with good feeling to these many calls upon their time and purses, and plainly show that they enjoy the work as well as the success of their labors. We pray for greater zeal. To His name be all the glory.

Neshanic.—There has been no unusual spiritual interest in the church. The work in spite of many hinderances, by sickness, removals, bad roads, bad weather, is well supported, benevolence is slightly in advance of last year, financial obligations have been faithfully and willingly met. The Sunday-school is maintained, but scholars grow fewer. The Ladies' Auxiliary to Women's Boards of Missions continues its good work. The Christian Endeavor Society is small but active, and contributes largely to benevolent work. Harmony and good feeling prevail in the church. Nevertheless we feel the need of the outpouring of the Holy Spirit and a revival of spiritual life.

First, Philadelphia.—The regular work of the church has been well maintained in all departments, with an increase in contributions for religious and benevolent purposes.

Second, Philadelphia, reports that the year has been crowned with many blessings, a goodly number have been added to the membership, the Sunday-school has gained a substantial increase. The Christian Endeavor Society has taken on new life, and what is remarkable at a time when death has ravaged so many flocks, we have lost but one. We are struggling with the problems that confront a down-town church, and have many difficulties, but face them with faith and courage.

Fourth, Philadelphia, is in a healthy growth, both spiritually and financially. This church reports the largest accession by confession of faith.

Blawenburgh, rejoices in the peace and good will evidenced among its members, in the work done for the Master, and in the faith that looks to Him for the harvest.

Stanton is without a pastor and sends only a statistical report.

Clover Hill became vacant on March 1, and makes no comment on the figures given.

Rocky Hill reports that the work during the year has not been out of the ordinary. $350 have been spent on improvements to the interior of the church. We have lost as many by death and dismissals as we gained on confession and by certificate. All expenses have been paid and a small balance remains. Ten names have been placed on the retired list. Death has made havoc among us. Since Jan. 1st, we have lost five of our oldest members, among them our esteemed and active Elder, Jacob M. Vreeland, a member for 40 years, an officer for nearly the same length of time, and our faithful treasurer for the last 25 years. But there is much work to do; we are asking God to help us do it. Many souls are yet unsaved and unconcerned.

Fifth, Philadelphia, desires to place on record that this year has been fraught with spiritual and temporal blessings to our congregation. Although there was a prolonged strike in our community last summer, and many of our people were forced into idleness, yet they did not allow the work of the Lord to suffer on that account. They have responded nobly to every call; paid all expenses promptly, and in benevolence we are up to our usual mark. The winter has been hard on the older members and on those who live a distance from the church, yet the services have been well attended, and during the joyful Easter season, our church has been crowded by audiences who delight to hear the gospel of Jesus Christ.

The Elders desire to emphasize the fact that the gospel message has been presented in its richness. Christ has been proclaimed as our only Saviour, and the people heard this message gladly, and have

been blessed. Peace and happiness prevail in the congregation and all are united in good works. To the truth as it is in Jesus we owe our prosperity. The name of the Lord be praised for evermore.

Addisville.—The year has been one of work, but not of statistically revealed fruitage, except as some of the fruitage may find a place in reports of other churches. The regular services have been maintained. We are looking to God for the harvest. Our prayer is that all hinderances to success may be removed.

Three Bridges.—The work of our church is being carried on as best we can without a pastor. Our former pastor, Rev. O. M. Voorhees, left us the middle of November for his new field of labor at High Bridge, N. J. We miss his energetic nature, as he was always pushing on the church work and advancing Christ's work in this place. We have extended a call to Mr. Benjamin White of the Seminary at New Brunswick, who has accepted and commences his work here May 1st. We have had regular services, (excepting two Sabbaths) since Mr. Voorhees left, and are now being supplied by the Rev. N. I. M. Bogert of the Reformed church. We regret to report a falling off in our support to denominational objects, but have done some outside work. The finances of our church are in good condition, and we have no debt.

Talmage Memorial.—Although without the services of a pastor for three months of the year, our people are earnest and faithful; harmonious and hopeful, waiting for the promised blessing upon the patient efforts to advance the cause and kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ, and looking toward the future with hope and courage.

South, Philadelphia has been supplied by the student, Mr. William E. Simpson, of the Theological Seminary in New Brunswick. There has been much throughout the year to cause encouragement. The congregation and Sabbath-school have shown a marked increase in numbers and spirit. The financial conditions are favorable, as shown by report. The present supply found when he took charge in July, 1903, but one officer and a few members active in the work. Five new members have been added, with a promise of a substantial increase in the near future.

Kampen sends no report.

Wilhemina has been supplied by a student missionary, and hopes to enjoy such services during the coming summer.

Bethany, Philadelphia, was supplied until Nov. 22, 1903, by students from the Theological Seminary at New Brunswick. Since that time by the Rev. Thomas H. Medd, all under the appropriation for student supply from the Board of Domestic Missions.

Grace, Orangeburg.—The past year has been remarkable for the growth of the spirituality of our church, and the deep earnest spirit of consecration of the youth especially of the large following of the Y. P. S. C. E. This meeting is held every Sabbath afternoon and is well attended by old and young persons. The Sabbath-school has also been well attended. The results of this work have been most encouraging and very beneficial to the students, and a vast uplift to the needy and lowly freedmen of our parish. Better results are hoped for next year.

Bethsaida, Magnolia, reports the expectation of purchasing a site in the near future, and erecting a church building, when a large increase in the congregation is looked for. The Reformed church is popular in that section.

Bethel, Shiloh.—The Bethel church and mission have been planted in a community where a large number of people can be benefited. It has been found that pastoral visiting has added to the congregation, and attendance at the Sunday-school.

Timmonsville.—Our church was organized in May, 1903, with a membership of 12. We began our labors July 1, 1903. Two have been received into the church on confession of faith. At first the Sunday-school numbered 25, now we have 65. Since the first of the year the congregations have been increased considerably. The amount of good which a missionary does in a needy community cannot be determined by the growth in membership of his congregation, for a work of this nature always grows slowly, it is only as the people become intelligent that the work grows.

In a needy community the missionary, the educated missionary, has an opportunity of doing far greater good as a leader among the people generally than that which he may do by preaching to his particular congregation. Both the temporal and spiritual growth of our work has been much hindered, because of the lack of a place of worship.

Ecclesiastical Changes.—On June 11, 1903, the Rev. McClain C. Spaun was received from the Presbytery of Chester, and on July 12, 1903, he was installed as pastor of the church at Timmonsville, South Carolina.

The pastoral relation between the Rev. Oscar M. Voorhees and the church at Three Bridges was dissolved on Nov. 16, 1903, and he was dismissed to the Classis of Raritan.

The pastoral relation between the Rev. Addison C. Bird and the church at Stanton, N. J., was dissolved on Dec. 15, 1903, and he was dismissed to the Classis of Poughkeepsie.

The pastoral relation between the Rev. H. C. Willoughby and the Talmage Memorial Church of Roxborough was dissolved on Dec. 31, 1903, and he was dismissed to the Classis of Montgomery.

The pastoral relation between the Rev. Peter Bruce and the church at Clover Hill was dissolved on Feb. 28, 1904, and he was dismissed to the Presbytery of Columbia, Tenn., of the Southern Presbyterian Church.

W. H. WILLIAMSON,

Chairman of the Committee.

CLASSIS OF RARITAN.

Report of the Committee on the State of Religion in the Classis of Raritan. Submitted April 12th, 1904.

There have been placed in the hands of your committee reports from the fourteen churches of the Classis. It is hardly possible for one to appreciate the conditions, favorable and adverse, under which the results have been secured, as indicated in these reports. All our churches have suffered more or less from the severe winter and stormy weather so much in evidence on Sundays. Some speak of an unusual amount of hard work with comparatively small returns for encouragement. Others, without especial effort, have been privileged to see larger results. We believe all have been faithful to the charges committed to them. We are nearer to the coming of the kingdom, even though we may not mention great progress in respect to the year's work.

It has not been possible to make a very careful study of the statistics. The figures in general do not exceed nor fall seriously below those of last year. If we consider all the difficult circumstances, we might say the showing is remarkably good.

Repeatedly we have bowed down in sorrow because death has claimed our co-laborers and brethren, beloved ministers and elders who were with us at this season last year in sweet fellowship, have entered into rest. "The workmen die but the work goes on." Others have been welcomed to the pulpits vacated, and the saddened people have again taken heart. The Lord has by no means forsaken our Classis. Indeed He has been very near to His people, and all our churches are in a healthful state, having hope of rich and blessed fruitage for the glory of Him whom we serve.

The following Ministerial changes have occurred :

Rev. C. W. VanZee, Ph. D., entered into rest Aug. 17, 1903.

Rev. J. F. Williamson departed this life Dec. 4, 1903.

Rev. Wm. Johnston resigned his pastorate at Peapack Oct. 13, 1903.

Rev. T. M. Simanton was received from the Presbytery of Elizabeth on Nov. 16, 1903, and installed as pastor of Peapack church Dec. 9, 1903.

Rev. O. M. Voorhees was received from Classis of Philadelphia Nov. 16, 1903, and installed over church of High Bridge Dec. 9, 1903.

The remarks accompanying the statistics are appended without modification.

First Raritan.—The year has been marked by great losses and small gains. The pastor has never worked so hard, with so little result. Some considerable financial progress may be recorded, but the membership of the church has decreased. Among the dead, for the year, are four elders. Few converts are reported and the spiritual outlook is not bright. The congregations, however, continue large ; the work is still organized ; the various church societies are active ; and there is no lack of consecrated endeavor. We labor on, in the hope and faith that God will yet bless us and pour out His spirit abundantly.

Bedminister.—The ordinary services and activities of the church have been faithfully maintained. A pleasant and continuous interest has been manifested in all the affairs of the church throughout the entire year. The various ecclesiastical agencies of the people have been kept up with commendable zeal and wisdom. Last year our roll was sadly diminished by an unusual number of dismissions and deaths. Our death rate this year has been much smaller, and our accessions by certificate much larger than usual. We have been called to part with valued members who have left us to join the Heavenly multitude. They being "dead yet speak." Our financial interests, both in the matter of church support and benevolence, have not been allowed to suffer. The faithful few have diligently observed the Monday and Wednesday evening prayer meetings. The Sunday-school work has been maintained with uninterrupted fidelity. We are grateful to Jehovah for the grace He has bestowed upon us.

Readington.—Our church rejoices in the completion of another year's work for the Master. Though there have been some occasions of discouragement, as e. g., the occurrence of many unusually stormy Sabbaths, and a consequent falling off in some of our contributions ; yet as we survey the entire field of our effort, we cannot but express our gratitude that the report we are able to present is as good as it is. Sabbath attendance has been as regular as the circumstances would permit. The interest in nearly all the work of the church has been normal and healthy. The Spirit of Grace has not passed us by, but

has brought us some souls to be numbered with the Lord's people. The missionary organizations and the Home Department of the Sun day-school have maintained their work vigorously. The 20th anniversary of the pastor's settlement was celebrated on April 3rd, and it proved to be a very profitable occasion. We go forth to meet the coming years in the assured faith that He who has been our guide hitherto, will not fail or forsake us.

Lebanon.—If we measure the year of church work by the statistical report it is most discouraging. We report fewer conversions than last year, and a decrease in benevolence both for denominational and other objects, and also for congregational purposes. Our community has suffered from the failure of crops, and especially a failure in the peach crop, Many of our farmers have been compelled to buy fodder and grain for their dairies. Yet there has not been a year in the present pastorate that the pastor has made more vigorous endeavor to reach the people with the Gospel. The week of prayer was observed in the church—preaching service every evening during the week. This was immediately followed by special services in the different school districts of the congregation where the pastor preached every evening for five weeks in succession. Yet there are reported only 3 conversions. Seemingly a small return for such abundant service. Out of these extra services have grown two weekly prayer meetings that have been attended by a general quickening among professing membership. The many stormy Sundays have interfered greatly with the attendance on the regular services. Yet all things considered the attendance has been good. Perfect harmony and good fellowship prevail. The church has supported the pastor in a way that is most commendable. Our regret is that we have not been able to bring forth more fruit.

Rockaway.—The year has been hard and unyielding in profit. The seasons have had bad effect generally. The prospects are promising in all respects. The results of the past year's work and effort are becoming apparent.

North Branch.—No remarks.

Second Raritan.—We have nothing special to report in addition to statistics. All our services have been maintained with an encouraging attendance despite unusually stormy weather through the year, and exceeding cold during the winter. The number of our communicants has been increased above that of last year; also our Sunday-school enrollment. Our benevolent contributions remain at about the same figures. Our congregational expenses have been a little larger in consequence of extraordinary repairs on the church buildings; but

all have been paid, with a balance in the treasury. The mortality in membership has been less the past year than usual.

Peapack.—No report.

South Branch.—Our report does not vary greatly from those of previous years. The Lord's work has gone forward. Problems both spiritual and temporal, have arisen; and in meeting them, the presence and blessing of Almighty God have been manifest. The ties of unity in the church and loyalty to its best interests remain strong. While the habit of regular church attendance is not as well fixed and widespread as we could wish, yet there has been a good average attendance upon all the appointed services. Fourteen young people have made profession of their faith in the Saviour, and give good promise of usefulness. Benevolence has not fallen off; neither has it increased to any remarkable degree. Plans have matured for the erection of a new chapel with funds pledged to the amount of $1,600. There are healthful indications in our church life and much to make us thankful and inspire hope and courage in going on with the work of another year.

Third Raritan.—We are endeavoring to carry on our work in our community, and to aid in the benevolent work of our denomination at home and abroad. We find ourselves more and more hindered by the decreasing American and the increasing foreign population. We have lost many good church supporters and helpers from the farming community; their farms having been purchased and occupied by persons who take little interest in the church; the new owners of these farms spending only a portion of their time on them, and their employees constantly changing. We are thankful, however, that during the year past we have gained more than we have lost.

Pottersville.—Statistics only.

High Bridge.—The year has been marked by several important changes. The prolonged illness and subsequent death of our former pastor retarded for a time our work, though services were maintained without interruption. The loyalty of our people was severely tested, but this testing has, we believe, worked to their advantage. Since November, when our present pastor entered upon his labors among us, much has been done to broaden foundations and perfect organization. The results of this work have only begun to be manifested. We look to the future to demonstrate the wisdom of our action. The attendance at church and Sunday-school services has increased, and a spirit of hopefulness pervades all lines of church work. An effort is being made to raise the entire amount of the indebtedness now resting upon

the church, and we look to the complete success of the undertaking within the present month. We also expect to do more in aid of the benevolent objects to which our church stands pledged.

Annandale.—Statistical report.

Fourth Raritan.—With God's help we have come to the end of another year. We cannot report much progress, since we are still laboring under the adversity of the last two years. But we have held our own, and even for this we have to be thankful. As far as we are able to judge from signs, we believe that the next year will be brighter than the last two have been. May God grant it!

ISAAC SPERLING,

Chairman.

STATISTICAL TABLES.

CLASSIS OF BERGEN.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census. Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS. Rec'd. On Confession.	On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	BAP. Infants.	Adults.	No of Baptized Non-Communicants.	C. C. & S. S. Catechumens.	Number of Sabbath-Schools.	Total Enrolment.	CONTRIBUTIONS. Benevolent. Denominational Objects.	Other Objects.	Congregational.	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
First, Hackensack	Herman Vandewart	230	12	5	3	...	1	530	10	4	.....	200	1	300	$ 1,195 00	$ 585 00	$4,670 00	Hackensack, N. J.
Schraaleuburgh	George H. Cotton	110	6	.....	4	...	2	152	7	2	58	.....	1	186	276 20	54 35	2,392 46	Dumont, "
English Neighborhood	Marcus J. Roop	62	5	...	1	...	1	68	2	1	31	.....	1	105	45 65	41 25	1,338 05	Ridgefield, "
New Durham	Isaac W. Gowen, A. W. Hopper, ass't.	405	77	39	10	...	6	700	106	11	.....	.....	4	1,927	1,150 00	300 00	4,713 05	Weehawken, " Weehawken, "
First, Hoboken	.....	64	2	2	2	...	2	136	1	...	1	.....	1	202	38 84	6 51	1,802 09	Hoboken, "
North Bergen	Louis Nickse	76	4	.....	1	...	2	96	21	...	21	34	1	470	245 00	75 00	2,900 00	Weehawken, "
Second, Hackensack	Arthur Johnson,	238	15	13	7	...	6	519	12	5	.....	.....	2	500	1,120 00	1,240 00	7,163 07	Hackensack, "
German Ev. Hoboken	John Rudolph,	250	35	.....	5	...	27	439	146	3	.....	90	2	700	132 07	676 50	6,000 00	606 Garden st., Hoboken, "
Third, Hackensack	John Bombin	82	5	...	...	...	...	82	18	...	.....	12	1	150	5 00	.....	2,000 00	Hackensack, "
Closter	Henry Ward, s c.	75	7	7	1	...	2	146	4	2	.....	80	1	136	177 00	41 20	2,020 00	Closter, "
Coytesville	Floris Ferwerda	75	7	.....	.....	...	3	86	6	1	.....	.....	1	105	154 28	27 78	1,052 09	Coytesville, "
Guttenberg.	William Manchee, s. s.	40	10	.....	5	...	...	78	9	...	.....	165	1	350	52 50	200 99	1,317 03	Passaic, "
Central av. Jers'y City.	Charles S. Wright,	130	6	13	1	...	5	282	7	3	.....	.....	1	479	206 17	.....	4,750 00	89 Bowers st. Jersey City, "
Cherry Hill	Abram Duryee	65	9	4	3	...	1	†96	6	2	.....	50	1	125	113 82	76 84	1,899 02	Cherry Hill, "
Secaucus	A. W. Hopper, S. S.	20	2	.....	.....	...	...	22	.....	...	...	.....	1	60	.....	.....	200 00	Weehawken, "
Spring Valley	Supplied	25	.....	.....	.....	...	1	33	1	...	.....	.....	1	51	41 75	.....	337 69	Maywood, "
Westwood	David M. Talmage	90	3	6	4	...	2	163	7	1	.....	.....	1	249	523 88	145 60	2,654 39	Westwood, "
Oradell.	Edgar I. McCully	65	6	10	.....	...	...	92	4	1	.....	.....	2	247	114 01	.....	*3,382 79	Oradell, "
Hasbrouck Heights	.....	75	1	.....	5	...	...	125	1	1	.....	.....	1	150	5 00	31 51	1,671 65	Hasbrouck Heights, "
Highwood	John C. Gardiner	50	18	10	1	...	...	62	3	5	.....	.....	1	142	39 13	15 00	1,437 24	Highwood, "
Rochelle Park	.....	40	2	3	.....	...	...	46	4	...	.....	.....	1	80	39 91	21 00	1,367 83	Rochelle Park, "
Bogart Mem'l, Bogota.	M Seymour Purdy	52	8	6	2	...	...	59	12	2	60	.....	1	73	72 10	93 50	855 00	Bogota, "
First, West Hoboken	Edward Dawson	189	43	8	3	...	1	315	13	7	44	57	2	942	246 32	113 63	‡5.226 74	537 Palisade av. W. Hob'k'n.
	Total	2,508	283	126	58	...	62	4,327	400	51	215	688	30	7,729	$5.993 63	$3.745 66	$61.151 09	

† Revised roll. * $1,000 for floating debt. ‡ $2,000 new church.

Other Ministers.—John Justin, 740 Washington St., Hoboken, N. J.; John T. E. DeWitt, Oradell, N. J.; James H. Ballagh, Yokohama, Japan; William Manchee, Passaic, N. J.; Geo. MacP. Hunter, Sec'y Seaman's Friend Society, 76 Wall St., New York.

Candidates.—Rob't W. Blake; Carl Krause.

Classical Agents.—F. M., H. Vanderwart; D. M., I. W. Gowen; Ed., C. S. Wright.

Treas.—William Manchee.

SOUTH CLASSIS OF BERGEN.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census. Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS. Rec'd. On Confession.	Rec'd. On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	BAP. Infants.	Adults.	No. of Baptized Non-Communicants.	C. C. & S. S. Catechumens.	Number of Sabbath-Schools.	Total Enrollment.	CONTRIBUTIONS. Benevolent. Denominational Objects.	Other Objects.	Congregational.	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
Bergen	{Cornelius Brett / Wm. V. D. Strong, ast.	411	30	18	13	...	8	757	21	6	200	400	3	780	$ 986 00	$ 362 00	$9,255 00	{797 Bergen av., Jers'y City. / 298 Academy St., "
First Bayonne	William H. Boocock	360	17	12	14	...	4	655	9	2	.....	120	2	661	535 90	472 93	9,969 60	763 Ave. C, Bayonne.
Wayne st., Jersey City.	J. Alex. Brown, S. C.	116	25	9	4	...	3	*267	....	2	.....	.....	1	230	475 18	197 37	†6,035 88	138 Mercer St., Jersey City.
Park, Jersey City	James P. Stoffiet	191	12	9	3	...	2	*306	5	1	.....	300	1	320	90 86	27 27	3,466 20	183½ W. Hamilton Pl., "
Fifth st., Bayonne	{Ferdinand S. Wilson... / H. W. F. Jones.‡	134	30	22	...	...	2	*242	10	10	.....	152	1	254	558 00	214 14	3,835 26	{276 Boulevard, Bayonne. / 110 Lord Ave., "
Second, Hudson City...	Emil A. Meury	248	15	2	3	...	46	526	136	11	581	77	1	731	449 00	347 00	3,870 00	14 Sherman Pl., Jersey City.
Lafayette	Jasper S. Hogan	145	22	11	10	...	6	226	9	5	.....	180	1	348	297 00	35 00	3,733 00	278 Pacific Ave., "
Greenville	G. H. Eggleston, P. E.	30	1	2	8	...	3	153	7	...	.....	.. ....	1	310	63 00	.....	2,205 95	....
Free, Jersey City	Vacant	140	11	5	3	...	2	250	18	...	18	100	1	260	32 30	153 00	2,368 48	....
Third, Bayonne	Vacant	62	....	.....	...	...	10	°146	8	...	.....	10	1	100	25 00	15 00	1,008 00	....
First, Ger. Ev., J. City.	Matthew Mueller	135	28	.....	2	...	7	165	20	...	.....	23	1	175	25 00	65 00	4,500 00	349 York St., Jersey City.
St. John's, Ger. "	Gottlieb Andreæ	106	25	.....	15	...	10	337	76	5	75	100	2	375	50 06	350 00	2,000 00	48 Fairview av., "
	Total	2,078	216	90	75	..	103	4,030	319	42	874	1,462	16	4,544	$3,587 30	$2,238 71	$52,347 37	

‡ Pastor Emeritus. * Revised roll. ° Last year's report. † $2,513.90 for church renovation.

Other Ministers.—James L. Amerman, D.D., Ass't Treas. Board Foreign Missions.

Classical Agents.—F. M., F. S. Wilson; D. M., J. A. Brown; Ed., Emil A. Meury; W. & D. M. F., Geo. Carragan, Bayonne, N. J.

Treas.—Jasper S. Hogan.

CLASSIS OF MONMOUTH.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census. Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS. Rec'd. On Confession.	Rec'd. On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	BAP. Infants.	Adults.	No of Baptized Non-Communicants	C. C. & S S. Catechumens.	Number of Sabbath-Schools.	Total Enrolment.	CONTRIBUTIONS. Benevolent. Denominational Objects.	Other Objects.	Congregational.	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
First, Freehold	Abram I. Martine	†76	....	.....	5	...	5	143	6	...	32	50	2	92	$ 189 00	$ 56 00	$1.580 00	Marlboro, N. J.
Holmdel	Garret Wyckoff	60	4	.....	2	...	2	†116	1	2	40	60	1	100	439 00	.....	1,646 00	Holmdel, "
Middletown	Willard D. Brown	50	3	6	1	...	...	122	2	2	43	.....	1	67	159 00	51 00	1,163 00	Middletown, "
Second, Freehold	Isaac P. Brokaw	125	21	5	6	1	5	344	3	6	.....	150	1	275	678 00	73 00	3.500 00	Freehold, "
Keyport	Vacant	58	14	2	.....	...	2	134	3	1	15	78	1	85	104 00	.....	988 00	Keyport, "
Long Branch	Bergen B. Staats	67	3	3	1	...	2	163	11	1	65	.....	1	201	62 00	54 00	1.792 00	Long Branch, "
Colts Neck	O. VanBeverhoudt	72	15	.....	2	...	2	171	2	7	.....	95	1	105	35 00	33 00	1,522 00	Colts Neck, "
Highlands	Vacant	40	....	.....	...	...	...	27	....	...	26	.....	1	125	.....	.....	118 00	Highlands, "
Asbury Park	Willard Conger	91	4	7	4	...	5	149	1	1	.....	.....	1	85	43 00	49 00	2.502 00	Asbury Park, "
First, Red Bank	T. A. Beekman	71	14	7	.....	...	...	38	3	5	4	.....	1	150	18 00	14 00	802 00	Red Bank, "
	Total	710	78	30	21	1	23	1,407	32	25	225	433	11	1,285	$1.727 00	$330 00	$15.613 00	

† Revised.

Other Ministers.—Elias Mead, Passaic, N. J.; James T. Schock, (s. c.) Keyport. N. J.; W. H. VanDoren, Griggstown, N. J.; Arthur P. Brokaw, Under appointment to Oklahoma.

Classical Agents.—F. M., W. Conger: D. M., O. VanBeverhoudt; E., J. T. Schock; D. M. F., T. A. Beekman; W. F., W. W. Letson, Red Bank, N. J.

Treas.—I. P. Brokaw.

CLASSIS OF NEWARK.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census. Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS. Rec'd. On Confession.	Rec'd. On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended	Died.	Total now in Communion.	BAP. Infants.	BAP. Adults.	No. of Baptized Non-Communicants.	C. C. & S. S. Catechumens.	C. C. & S. S. Number of Sabbath-Schools.	C. C. & S. S. Total Enrolment.	CONTRIBUTIONS. Benevolent. Denominational Objects.	Benevolent. Other Objects.	Congregational.	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
Belleville	Wm W. Connor	124	5	9	3	...	3	221	9	2	.....	.....	1	262	$ 278 34	$ 48 50	$2,991 40	Belleville, N. J.
First Newark	T. J. Lee	146	9	6	11	...	4	253	10	2	.....	.....	2	463	625 30	80 00	6 006 65	692 High st., N. wark, "
Irvington	Uriah McClinchie.	109	13	7	9	...	1	219	2	5	.....	.....	1	300	101 71	10 00	2,034 70	Irvington, "
New York Avenue	John S Allen, s. c . .	108	13	10	6	...	5	†237	11	3	.....	.....	1	385	402 48	126 89	7,823 00	100 New York av. Newark,
Franklin	William Stuart	86	1	3	1	...	3	120	15	...	.....	.....	1	153	105 10	29 45	1 451 37	Nutley N. J.
North Reformed	{ James I Vance .... { Chas W. Gulick...	675	91	47	12	...	10	1,173	31	19	1,000	.....	3	1.735	12 760 58	1.977 85	21.148 35	{ Washington st., Newark. { 39 Third av. Newark, N. J.
West Newark	Carl Girtanner	80	62	.....	1	1	9	300	150	4	97	25	1	320	17 00	10 00	1,139 50	35 Blum st., Newark, "
Clinton Avenue	{ Daniel H. Martin.. { Abram Mattice.....	565	65	51	26	...	13	1,131	19	24	.....	.....	1	675	6,753 00	8.000 00	12.390 00	{ 19 Stratford Pl., Newark. { 141 Johnson av., Newark.
Trinity, Newark	John N. Morris	175	20	1	5	...	...	240	21	1	184	.....	1	500	254 79	30 00	2,200 00	483 Ferry st., Newa k, N. J.
Linden	Vacant	24	.....	.....	4	...	...	34	.....	...	.....	68	1	79	10 00	.....	945 67	.....
Christ	Henry Merle Mellen.	136	15	16	8	...	4	275	10	3	.....	282	1	297	445 58	69 39	5 512 80	84 Delevan av., Newark, "
Brookdale	W. E. Bogardus	45	...	.....	.....	...	1	103	1	...	.....	.....	1	94	196 07	50 85	1,120 44	Brookdale. N. J.
Orange, First	George S. Bishop	275	14	26	12	...	15	†524	11	1	.....	160	1	354	1,543 15	347 46	*3 262 28	20 Burnett st. E. Orange, "
Trinity, Plainfield	Cornelius Schenck...	†267	18	24	8	...	9	†575	14	9	.....	.....	2	614	1 113 30	381 16	7.102 75	Plainfield, "
German, Plainfield.	John Justin, s. s.	28	2	.....	.....	...	2	60	1	...	.....	1	1	35	20 00	.....	‡679 14	.....
Montclair Heights	Albert Schlieder.	33	1	5	.....	...	...	49	1	...	.....	14	1	50	41 00	6 00	1,422 00	Upper Montclair, "
	Total	2 876	341	205	106	1	79	5.514	306	73	1.271	550	20	6,316	$24.667 40	$ 10,167 55	$77,234 05	

† Revised list. * Exclusive of Minister's support. ‡Partial report.

Other Ministers.—John W. Conklin, 25 East 22 St., N Y.; Chas. E. Hart, New Brunswick, N. J; Oscar Gesner, Linden, N. J.; J. C. Garretson, 470 Monroe Ave., Elizabeth, N. J.; Denis Wortman, 25 Watson Ave., East Orange, N. J.; Charles L. Lawrence, Los Angeles, Cal.; Frank Eckerson, Amoy, China.; M. G. Hansen, 214 Park Place, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Candidates.—F. N. Baeder; R. B. Johnson; Henry K. Post; Ralph Morris.

Classical Agents.—F. M., W. W. Connor; D. M., H. M. Mellen; Ed., C. W. Gulick.

Treas.—John S. Allen.

CLASSIS OF NEW BRUNSWICK.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census. Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS. Rec'd. On Confession.	On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	BAP. Infants.	Adults.	No. of Baptized Non-Communicants.	C. C. & S. S. Catechumens.	Number of Sabbath-Schools.	Total Enrollment.	CONTRIBUTIONS. Benevolent. Denominational Objects.	Other Objects.	Congregational.	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
First, New Brunswick	P. Theo. Pockman	270	18	12	12	1	10	660	5	2	.....	200	1	425	$1,049 95	$ 579 32	$4,844 60	219 Townsend st. N. Bruns'k.
Six Mile Run	Clifford P. Case	124	16	8	7	...	6	283	4	8	61	175	5	225	958 00	54 48	‡2,428 55	Franklin Park, N. J.
Hillsborough	Vacant	130	6	1	16	...	7	295	6	3	.....	75	5	192	169 49	45 78	1,307 07	Millstone, "
Middlebush	John A. Thomson	71	9	9	2	...	1	149	4	2	.....	97	1	112	304 55	15 00	2,248 67	Middlebush, "
Griggstown	Vacant	40	8	2	7	...	2	89	....	2	.....	.....	1	80	119 07	.....	848 35	Griggstown, "
Second, New Bruns'k	M. H. Hutton, (s. c).	*159	6	5	11	...	10	*373	7	...	90	180	2	252	1,686 00	883 00	4,923 52	26 Union st., N. Brunswick.
Bound Brook	Chas. T. Anderson	112	12	4	4	...	2	186	1	3	.....	154	1	211	95 97	14 76	4,251 22	South Bound Brook, N. J.
Third, New Brunsw'k	Vacant	.....	.....	...	...	...	...	.....	.....	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
East Millstone	Henry Lockwood	104	2	5	3	...	5	154	....	...	40	.....	1	93	180 48	27 75	1,623 49	East Millstone, N. J.
Metuchen	Edward V. V. Searle.	70	5	4	4	...	2	†159	1	1	.....	30	1	118	427 01	41 41	2,188 89	Metuchen, "
Suydam st. N. Bruns'k	Alan D. Campbell	77	4	7	7	...	1	237	8	1	.....	154	1	184	592 58	89 66	3,148 84	146 Livingston av., N. B'k
Highland Park	Edward J. Meeker	49	.....	1	4	...	...	89	.....	...	.....	90	1	141	124 41	10 95	1,418 43	Highland Park, N. Bruns'k.
Spotswood	Paul J. Strohauer	52	6	2	...	..	1	129	13	6	47	58	1	58	27 00	19 00	1,321 78	Spotswood, N. J.
	Total	1,258	92	60	77	1	47	2,803	49	28	238	1,213	21	2,091	$5,734 51	$1,761 11	$30,553 41	

* Revised list. † Exclusive of non-resident members. ‡ Includes $650.00 for floating debt and church improvement.

Other Ministers.—W. H. Steele, Newark, N. J.; E. S. Booth. Yokohoma. Japan; E. Lord, Clifton Springs, N. Y.; H D'B. Mulford, 619 Warren St., Hudson N. Y.; A. F. Todd, Dunellen, N. J.; G. M. S. Blauvelt, Roselle, N. J; J. O. Bayles, New Brunswick, N. J.; James LeFevre, Somerville, N. J.; J. H. Wyckoff, Vellore, India; L. B. Chamberlain, Madanapalle, Madras Pres., India; Wm. I. Chamberlain Vellore, India; H. J. Scudder, Ranipettai, Madras Pres., India, John DeWitt, Yonkers, N. Y.; J. B. Thompson, Readington, N. J.; J. L. Southard, Wellesley Hills, Mass.

Candidate.—A. G. VanAken, Jamesburg, N. J.

Classical Agents.—F. M. M. H Hutton; D. M., Jas LeFevre; E. & P., P. T. Pockman; D. M. F. and W. F., E. V. V. Searle; S. S., J. A. Thompson.

Treas.—Henry Lockwood.

CLASSIS OF PARAMUS.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census. Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS. Rec'd. On Confession.	Rec'd. On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	BAP. Infants.	BAP. Adults.	No of Baptized Non-Communicants.	C. C. & S. S. Catechumens.	C. C. & S. S. Number of Sabbath-Schools.	C. C. & S. S. Total Enrolment.	CONTRIBUTIONS. Benevolent. Denominational Objects.	CONTRIBUTIONS. Benevolent. Other Objects.	CONTRIBUTIONS. Congregational.	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
Acquackanonck	Ame Vennema	216	22	9	8	...	8	489	10	6	215	300	1	422	$ 1,940 55	$1,062 47	8,648 64	185 Paulison av., Passaic.
Centerville	N. H.VanArsdale	35	1	....	....	...	1	59	4	...	50	30	1	115	124 80	21 00	952 63	Athenia, N. J.
Clarkstown	Garret M. Conover.	95	10	4	3	...	4	163	....	3	.....	.....	2	160	233 00	288 75	1,780 31	West Nyack, N. Y.
Clifton	J. S. Ellsworth	85	2	8	6	...	...	134	....	...	.....	.....	1	250	57 08	75 00	†4,171 28	Clifton, N. J.
Garfield	Eugene Hill.	52	6	4	2	...	2	78	7	...	.....	140	1	180	26 50	14 00	1,204 73	140 Passaic st., Garfield, "
Glen Rock	James W. Grant.	40	7	5	...	...	2	36	2	1	...	75	1	75	23 20	.....	1,000 00	Ridgewood, R. F. D. No 2.
Hawthorne	J. Edward Grant	40	4	4	...	2	1	*49	6	1	.....	.....	1	* 123	40 00	.....	1,390 63	Hawthorne, "
Lodi, First Holland	Tunis H. Hoonte	86	....	12	3	...	3	192	13	...	205	130	1	160	20 00	.....	1,000 00	Lodi, "
Lodi, Second	Vacant.	40	3	1	1	...	3	58	....	...	.....	.....	1	205	40 00	40 00	900 00	Lodi, "
North Paterson	James M. Martin.	50	6	2	...	...	1	71	3	...	.....	.....	1	132	32 55	4 25	†2,037 83	North Paterson, "
Nyack	S. Prentice, Jr... (P. E.)	146	4	2	4	...	1	339	4	...	.....	128	1	171	2,054 52	181 74	5,396 91	Nyack, N. Y.
Paramus	Wm. H. Vroom	95	5	5	2	...	3	190	3	...	.....	100	1	154	335 39	20 00	2,451 31	Ridgewood, N. J.
Pascack	Francis A Seibert	100	3	4	5	...	4	147	7	...	.....	.....	1	169	50 75	31 15	2,106 63	Park Ridge, Box 13, "
Passaic, 1st Holland	Martin Flipse.	300	13	10	5	...	8	500	38	1	.....	208	1	510	371 56	540 00	4,700 00	141 Hamilton av., Passaic.
Passaic, North	J. H. Whitehead	110	8	12	5	...	3	358	9	2	.....	300	1	360	1,127 95	520 00	3,919 97	35 Hamilton av., Passaic.
Paterson, Broadway	Vacant.	119	9	2	4	...	1	253	3	2	.....	.....	1	240	678 45	214 00	4,273 10	Paterson, N. J.
" 1st Holland	Fred. G. Dekker	132	6	6	5	3	5	222	21	...	210	100	1	201	114 00	97 00	2,110 00	50 Clinton st. Paterson, "
" Second	Theo. W. Welles, (S.C.)	150	5	...	4	...	4	280	9	...	.....	75	1	275	288 00	553 00	3,885 00	79 Hamilton av., Paterson.
Piermont	H. C. Hasbrouck	56	3	.....	3	...	2	91	....	2	.....	.....	1	41	178 04	.....	1,882 96	Piermont, N. Y.
Ramapo	L. Van den Burg	67	1	2	3	...	...	148	....	1	.....	.....	2	159	111 21	154 38	1,061 67	Mahwah, N. J.
Ramsays	Vacant	.	....	....	....	...	...	....	....	...	.....	... .	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Ridgewood	J. A. VanNeste.	136	14	20	7	...	10	317	6	1	.....	75	1	250	1,262 01	173 00	7,384 15	Ridgewood, N. J. Box 114.
Saddle River	I. VanKampen	82	2	2	...	...	2	89	5	1	.	32	1	88	38 25	6 12	1,447 36	Monsey, N.Y.
Spring Valley	C. E. Crispell.	80	1	7	3	...	2	122	3	...	.....	126	1	167	395 25	.....	1,301 20	Spring Valley, "
Tappan	W. E. Compton.	100	1	2	....	...	2	132	7	1	.....	... .	3	318	332 80	21 90	3,627 88	Tappan, "
Warwick	Taber Knox.	160	11	6	11	..	2	288	4	1	110	.....	‡24	275	1,126 69	411 58	4,903 47	Warwick, "
West New Hempstead	Henry W. Brink	50	6	1	4	...	...	87	1	3	27	30	1	69	70 68	.....	648 14	Monsey. "
Wortendyke, Holland	jacob Poppen	91	11	5	.....	...	4	160	18	1	241	82	1	161	67 30	12 17	1,509 31	Wortendyke, N. J.
	Total	2,716	161	134	79	5	75	5,078	180	27	1,058	1,961	34	5,223	$11,110 48	$4,401 61	$73,957 28	

* Revised list. † $1,161.50 for new building. ‡ $2,077 88 on church indebtedness. ⸗ Three are summer schools with 56 pupils.

Other Ministers.—Cornelius B. Blauvelt, Ph D., Nyack, N. Y.; Thomas S. Dusinberre, Pine Plains, N. Y.: Matthew N. Oliver, Marbletown, N. Y.; D. Cornelius Ruigh, Amoy, China; Edward Lodewick, Bound Brook, N. J.

Classical Agents.—P. M.—J. A. VanNeste; D. M.—Ame Vennema; Ed.—G. M. Conover; S. S. & Y. P. S.—Martin Flipse.

CLASSIS OF PASSAIC.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census. Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS. Rec'd. On Confession.	Rec'd. On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended	Died.	Total now in Communion.	BAP. Infants.	BAP. Adults.	No. of Baptized Non-Communicants.	C. C. & S. S. Catechumens.	C. C. & S. S. Number of Sabbath-Schools.	C. C. & S. S. Total Enrollment.	CONTRIBUTIONS. Benevolent. Denominational Objects.	CONTRIBUTIONS. Benevolent. Other Objects.	CONTRIBUTIONS. Congregational.	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
Boonton	Alex. McKelvey	63	8	7	4	..	1	*99	2	1	.....	80	1	147	$ 220 00	$ 6 00	$1,654 00	Boonton, N. J.
Fairfield	Charles B. Mitchell,	50	8	6	...	...	2	100	4	4	.....	.....	1	100	24 67	.....	1,313 05	Fairfield, "
Little Falls, First	Theodore F. Bayles,	112	13	6	...	...	1	190	7	1	.....	100	1	201	360 45	40 00	3,245 58	Little Falls, Passaic Co. "
Little Falls, Second	J. W. TePaske	45	1	.....	2	..	1	44	10	...	80	60	1	85	105 95	108 13	450 00	Little Falls, Passaic Co. "
Montville	Vacant	36	.....	1	...	...	4	70	.....	...	.....	.....	1	40	.....	.....	550 00	Boonton, "
People's Park, Paterson	John Smit	132	16	4	6	1	4	246	33	...	350	156	1	300	60 36	115 00	2,144 47	Paterson, "
Pompton	Charles M. Dixon	†130	2	2	1	...	1	†237	1	...	.....	.....	1	250	284 59	52 66	1,879 72	Riverdale, "
Pompton Plains	Orville L. Sigafoos	155	12	4	8	...	2	321	3	9	.....	.....	4	412	551 68	21 31	2,531 88	Pompton Plains, "
Ponds	S. R. Cunningham	51	1	1	3	...	3	61	2	1	.....	.....	1	67	69 64	.....	1,220 51	Oakland, Bergen Co. "
Preakness	Geo. W. Labaw, s c.	40	9	2	5	...	2	87	1	2	.....	.....	3	160	110 14	5 40	961 25	R. F. D. Route 1, Paterson.
Riverside, Paterson	John B. Church	136	4	8	4	...	1	180	4	...	71	221	1	512	162 19	37 41	3,516 35	37 East 15th st., "
Sixth Holland, "	E. Van Hetloo	550	37	14	21	...	13	943	65	2	67	480	1	550	296 58	1,117 28	4,562 00	Paterson, N. J
Totowa, First, "	Thos. Powell Vernoll	150	15	6	10	...	5	339	13	5	-	275	1	410	474 47	223 67	5,092 74	227 Hamilton ave., Paterson.
Union Reform'd "	Helenus E. Nies.	206	15	5	2	...	2	392	34	...	.....	130	1	290	182 65	368 30	3,040 00	6 Auburn st., "
Wanaque	Vacant	38	1	1	2	2	...	41	..	2	.....	.....	1	97	.....	20 00	873 00	Wanaque, "
Wyckoff	A. Westveer	66	3	2	3	...	5	130	1	...	91	50	1	80	91 00	.....	1,195 02	Wyckoff, "
	Total	1,960	145	69	71	3	47	3,480	180	27	659	1,552	21	3,701	$2,994 37	$2,115 16	$34,229 57	

* Revised list. † Last year's report.

Other Ministers.—E. C. Scudder, Lares, Porto Rico.

Classical Agents—F. M., Thos. Powell Vernoll; D. M., Alex. McKelvey; E., A. Westveer; D. M. F. and W. F., Gerrit Planten, Paterson, N. J.

Treas.—John B. Church.

CLASSIS OF PHILADELPHIA.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census. Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS.						BAP.		No of Baptized Non-Communicants	C. C. & S S.			CONTRIBUTIONS.			POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
			Rec'd. On Confession.	Rec'd. On Certificate.	Dismissed	Suspended	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.		Catechumens.	Number of Sabbath-Schools.	Total Enrolment.	Benevolent. Denominational Objects.	Benevolent. Other Objects.	Congregational.	
No. & So. Hampton	Horace P. Craig	100	7	2	5	...	4	¶183	1	5	.....	250	4	290	$ 285 60	$ 5 00	‡ $2,296 00	Churchville, Pa.
Harlingen	A. J. Walter	120	13	13	.....	...	2	259	3	1	82	135	‡4	226	220 82	75 62	°2,053 11	Harlingen, N. J.
Neshanic	John Hart	100	5	1	13	...	5	170	9	3	125	213	‡4	213	264 82	68 35	2,250 00	Neshanic, "
First, Philadelphia	P. H. Milliken	122	3	.....	2	...	2	181	1	1	60	20	1	192	946 00	22 00	.....	1401 Oxford st., Phila., Pa.
Second, "	W. H. Williamson, S. C.	110	11	2	3	...	1	200	8	1	100	173	1	340	178 98	.....	3,320 51	811 N. 7th St., Phila. Pa.
Fourth, "	P. J. Kain	355	71	12	2	...	6	649	25	11	.....	550	1	735	383 51	10 00	7,235 30	Manayunk av. & Martin st., Phila.
Blawenburgh	John S. VanOrden	65	....	1	...	...	1	145	2	...	60	.....	1	80	80 00	.....	1,121 45	Blawenburgh, N. J.
Stanton	Vacant	79	....	8	3	...	3	151	7	...	42	.....	1	74	37 24	24 28	743 28	Stanton, "
Clover Hill	Vacant	45	4	.....	.....	*	1	106	3	2	....	.....	1	60	46 15	5 25	900 00	Clover Hill, "
Rocky Hill	Wm. Schmitz	64	4	5	4	10	5	90	2	1	....	.....	1	97	150 23	14 26	‖942 00	Rocky Hill, "
Fifth, Philadelphia	C. F. C. Suckow	172	.....	.....	.....	...	3	224	30	...	.....	.....	1	244	188 00	125 03	2,219 27	2223 E. Susq. Av., Phila, Pa.
Addisville	Sidney O. Lawsing	50	.....	.....	3	...	1	117	1	..	.....	.....	‡2	190	139 97	.....	1,216 00	Richboro, "
Three Bridges	Benjamin White, P. E.	84	5	3	7	...	1	180	6	3	35	46	1	100	84 19	57 54	792 53	Three Bridges, N. J.
Talmage Memorial	Vacant	101	....	3	4	6	2	176	4	...	....	.....	1	311	176 69	.....	1,858 88	Roxborough, Phila., Pa.
South, Philadelphia	W. E. Simpson, P. E.	40	5	....	1	1	...	19	7	1	.....	.....	1	90	10 00	.....	628 74	1912 Mifflin st., Phila , Pa.
Kampen	†Vacant	13	4	....	.....	...	...	22	1	..	.....	35	1	34	13 00	.....	88 00	Westover, Md.
Wilhemina	Vacant	5	.....	4	.....	...	...	12	1	...	7	5	.....	.....	3 70	.....	35 00	Bethlehem, "
Bethany, Phila	Vacant	20	4	.....	...	...	...	36	.....	1	.....	.....	1	50	45 20	.....	323 72	Roxborough, Phila , Pa.
Grace, Orangeburg	W. L. Johnson	17	4	2	2	...	...	53	12	...	.....	60	1	70	16 00	24 00	51 00	Orangeburg, S. C.
Bethsaida, Magnolia	J. B. Peyton, s. s	45	8	.....	.....	...	1	35	.....	...	6	75	2	108	6 50	.....	56 00	Magnolia, "
Bethel, Shiloh	Thomas A. Nance.	18	4	.....	.....	...	...	21	3	...	14	37	1	35	4 00	4 00	41 00	Magnolia, "
Timmonsville	M. C. Spann	10	2	.....	....	...	...	12	.....	1	6	30	1	65	1 00	.....	90 00	Timmonsville, "
	Total	1,734	154	56	49	17	38	3,041	126	31	537	1,629	32	3,604	$3.281 60	$435 33	$ 28,261 79	

† Last year's report. ¶ Revised list. * On non resident list. ‡ 1 Union school. ‡ $1,000 for church repairs. ° $733.07 for church repairs.

‖ Exclusive of income from invested funds.

Other Ministers.—Revs. N. I. M. Bogert, Metuchen, N. J.; W. J. Skillmau, 462 Lyceum Av., Roxborough, Phila., Pa.

Classical Agents.—F. M., A. J. Walter; D. M., John Hart; S. S. & Y. P. S. C. E. John S VanOrden.

Treas.—P. H. Milliken.

CLASSIS OF RARITAN.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census. Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS. Rec'd. On Confession.	Rec'd. On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	BAP. Infants.	Adults.	No. of Baptized Non-Communicants.	C. C. & S. S. Catechumens.	Number of Sabbath-Schools.	Total Enrolment.	CONTRIBUTIONS. Benevolent. Denominational Objects.	Other Objects.	Congregational.	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
First, Raritan	Wm. Stockton Cranmer,	225	8	7	10	...	13	460	11	2	.....	.....	1	375	$ 663 00	$ 265 00	$7,331 00	Somerville, N. J.
Readington	Benj. V. D. Wyckoff,	125	3	1	5	...	5	275	4	...	.....	175	†5	175	237 10	37 03	1,381 82	Readington, "
Bedminster	T. Walker Jones,	122	4	20	2	...	3	237	5	2	.....	.....	1	170	437 57	60 55	1,567 88	Bedminster, "
Lebanon	Wm. E. Davis, S. C.	182	3	2	6	...	3	332	2	1	.....	.....	*5	372	51 40	14 43	2,060 31	Lebanon, "
Rockaway	Henry T. Jones	90	1	.....	8	...	7	155	3	1	.....	.....	2	144	54 51	.....	1,245 00	Whitehouse, "
North Branch	Philip M. Doolittle	113	4	2	2	...	1	162	2	...	.....	60	1	75	385 86	120 66	1,247 10	North Branch, "
Second, Raritan	Edward G. Read	243	8	23	18	...	7	647	10	2	.....	.....	1	712	1,179 58	265 33	5,685 43	Somerville, "
Peapack	T. M. Simanton	130	24	16	4	...	1	241	5	5	.....	.....	1	168	42 00	10 00	1,246 00	Peapack, "
South Branch	Isaac Sperling	95	14	8	7	2	6	180	7	5	.....	40	1	94	281 83	26 60	1,269 63	South Branch, "
Third, Raritan	Wm. H. DeHart	120	7	9	11	...	3	275	8	1	.....	61	1	295	372 64	22 59	2,561 17	Raritan, "
Pottersville	Wilmer MacNair, S. S.	54	11	.....	4	1	1	85	1	4	.....	.....	1	85	49 55	.....	996 07	Pottersville, "
High Bridge	Oscar M. Voorhees	109	5	10	1	...	1	131	.....	...	.....	.....	1	155	69 18	24 52	1,900 00	High Bridge, "
Annandale	Rockwood MacQuesten	98	5	3	7	...	1	110	1	1	.....	.....	1	139	101 08	7 04	1,138 82	Annandale, "
Fourth, Raritan	F. Koechli	70	3	.....	2	...	2	124	20	...	.....	4	.....	.....	39 00	10 00	700 00	Somerville, "
	Total	1,776	100	101	87	3	54	3,414	79	24	.....	340	22	2,959	$2,964 30	$863 75	$30,330 23	

† 3 Union. * 2 Union.

Other Ministers.—Henry Stout, Nagasaki, Japan; John F. Mesick, 266 E. Market St., York, Pa.; Charles H. Pool, Somerville, N. J.; Andrew J. Hageman, Somerville, N. J.; A. McWilliam, Somerville, N. J.; Minor Swick, 54 Parsons Ave., Flushing, Long Island, N. Y.; William Johnston, Somerville, N. J.

Classical Agents.—F. M., I. Sperling; D. M., Henry T. Jones; B. of E., P. M. Doolittle; W. & D. M. F., T. Walker Jones; N. B. T. S., Wm. Stockton Cranmer; S. S. & Y. P. S., Oscar M. Voorhees.

Treas.—P. M. Doolittle.

SUMMARY VIEW OF THE PARTICULAR SYNOD OF NEW BRUNSWICK, MAY, 1904.

CLASSES.	Churches.	Ministers.	Candidates.	Census. Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS.						BAP.		No. of Baptized Non-Communicants.	C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS.			STATED CLERKS.
					Rec'd.												Benevolent.			
					On Confession.	On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.		Catechumens.	Number of Sabbath-Schools.	Total Enrolment.	Denominational Objects.	Other Objects.	Congregational.	
Bergen	23	23	2	2,505	283	126	58	...	62	4,327	400	51	874	688	30	7 729	$ 5.993 63	$ 3.745 66	$61,151 09	Henry Ward.
South Bergen	14	13	...	2,078	216	90	75	...	103	4,030	319	42	215	1,462	16	4 544	3,587 30	2,238 71	52,347 37	J. Alex. Brown.
Monmouth	10	11	...	710	78	30	21	1	23	1,407	32	25	225	433	11	1,285	1,727 00	330 00	15,613 00	Jas. T. Schock.
Newark	16	25	4	2 876	341	205	106	1	79	5 514	306	73	1,271	550	20	6,316	24,667 40	10,167 55	77,234 05	J. S. Allen.
New Brunswick	13	25	1	1,258	92	60	77	1	47	2,803	49	28	238	1,213	21	2,091	5.734 51	1,761 11	30,553 41	Mancius H. Hutton.
Paramus	28	31	...	2,716	161	134	79	5	75	5.078	180	27	1,058	1,961	33	5.223	11,110 48	4,401 61	73,951 28	Theo. W. Welles.
Passaic	16	15	...	1,960	145	69	71	3	47	3.480	180	27	659	1,552	21	3 701	2.994 37	2,115 16	34,229 57	George W. Labaw.
Philadelphia	22	18	...	1,734	154	56	49	17	38	3.041	126	31	537	1,629	31	3.604	3.281 60	435 33	28,261 79	W. H. Williamson.
Raritan	14	21	...	1.776	100	101	87	3	54	3.414	79	28	.....	340	32	2.959	2,964 30	363 75	30.330 23	Wm. E. Davis.
Total	156	182	7	17,616	1.570	841	623	31	528	33,064	1,671	328	5,077	9,828	205	37.452	$52,060 59	$25.558 88	$403.671 79	

ARTICLE VI.

CLASSICAL MINUTES.

The Committee on Classical Minutes made their report. It was accepted and adopted and is as follows :

The Committee on Classical Minutes would respectfully report that the Minutes of all the Classes have been received, examined and found to be neatly and correctly kept without exception.

The answers to the Constitutional Questions are as follows :

Classis of Bergen.—22 Churches.

2nd Question 3 Yes. 19 No.
3rd " 21 Yes. 1 No.

South Classis of Bergen.—12 Churches.

2nd Question 6 Yes. 5 No. 1 No report.
3rd " 11 Yes. 1 No report.

Classis of Monmouth.—10 Churches.

2nd Question 3 Yes. 5 No. 2 No report.
3rd " 6 Yes. 2 No. 2 No report.

Classis of Newark.—16 Churches.

2nd Question 16 No.
3rd " 15 Yes. 1 No.

Classis of New Brunswick, —13 Churches.

2nd Question 12 Yes. 1 No report.
3rd " 12 Yes. 1 No report.

Classis of Paramus.—27 Churches.

2nd Question 8 Yes. 11 No. 8 No report.
3rd " 19 Yes. 8 No report.

Classis of Passaic.—16 Churches.

2nd Question 6 Yes. 8 No. 2 No report.
3rd " 14 Yes. 2 No report.

Classis of Philadelphia.—22 Churches.

2nd Question 8 Yes. 6 No. 8 No report.
3rd " 14 Yes. 1 No. 7 No report.

Classis of Raritan.—14 Churches.

2nd Question 7 Yes. 7 No.

3rd " 14 Yes.

Respectfully submitted,

P. H. MILLIKEN,
WILLARD CONGER,
J. A. VAN KLEEK.

ARTICLE VII.

CLASSICAL APPEALS.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE VIII.

CLASSICAL REFERENCES.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE IX.

CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS.

Attended to.

ARTICLE X.

SYNODICAL INJUNCTIONS.

Attended to.

ARTICLE XI.

BENEVOLENT BOARDS.

Rev. Dr. T. W. Welles addressed the Synod in behalf of the Board of Education, Rev. Dr. C. Brett spoke for the Domestic Board, Rev. Dr. M. H. Hutton for the Foreign Board and Rev. A. DeW. Mason for Young People's Work under the auspices of the Christian Endeavor Missionary League. Rev. Dr. Denis Wortman being present was invited to tell the Synod about the movement under his leadership to enlarge the resources of the Disabled Ministers' Fund. All these addresses were appreciatively received by the Synod.

The Committee on Systematic Beneficence then reported as follows:

That emphasis be given to the underlying principles regarding this phase of our church life and work, as fully and forcefully set forth in report of committee of last year. They are scriptural and comprehensive, and when carefully observed can but inspire to renewed and persistent effort in training young and old in the grace of christian liberality.

Your committee does not venture any suggestion in the matter of methods and means by which the depleted treasury of our Lord—as stated in report of Committee on State of Religion—shall be relieved—believing that the pastors and consistories of our several churches are quick to perceive and ready to introduce such ways and means as shall prove conducive of largest results.

We merely hint, that your pure minds may be stirred by way of remembrance, and that every legitimate effort be put forth this present year, with the hope that another year's report may be more encouraging.

Let us, as stewards of the Lord, be diligent in encouraging our respective congregations to bring all the tithes into the Lord's storehouse and prove Him, so that the windows of Heaven may be opened, and we, as congregations and individuals, be made the happy recipients of our Father's richest blessings.

We have heard with much joy and profit the representatives of the various Boards who have visited the Synods. We trust that the flame of holy zeal aroused in us by the presentation of their several causes may be communicated through the ministry and elders here present to our respective Classes and churches.

The report was adopted,

THOMAS POWELL VERNOL,
W. S. CRANMER,
E. B. ALLEN.

ARTICLE XII.

TREASURER.

The Treasurer presented his annual report as follows:

Dr. Particular Synod of New Brunswick, in Acct. with I. P. Brokaw, Treas. Cr.

1903.		1903.	
May 5 —By balance brought forward	$193 27	May 6.—To Sexton's fee	$ 5 00
1904.		June 1.—To salary S. C. and Treasurer	50 00
Feb. 26.—By apportionm't Classis Monmouth	10 00	" 12.—To printing minutes	88 52
" 26.—By apportionm't Classis Raritan	15 00	" 16.—To postage. expressage and fare	5 80
Mar. 1.—By apportionm't Classis Philadelphia	12 00	Sept. 30.—To printing notices to delegates	1 10
" 4.—By apportionm't Classis Newark	28 00		
" 14.—By apportionm't Classis Paramus	30 00		
" 30.—By apportionm't Classis Bergen	20 00		
Apl. 6.—By apportionm't Classis New Brunswick	18 00		
" 6.—By apportionm't Classis Passaic	10 00		$150 42
" 8 —By apportionm't Classis S Bergen	15 00	Balance	$200 85
	$351 27		$351 27

It was received and referred to the appropriate committee who reported that they had examined the report with vouchers and found it correct. Their report was adopted and the Treasurer was authorized to lay the usual apportionment for expenses upon the Classes.

ARTICLE XIII.

PARTICULARIA.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered after the opening of the Synod by the retiring President, Rev. P. T. Pockman, D. D., who made a brief address at the table. He was assisted by Elders Newton and Williams of the church, and Demarest and Van-Wagoner of the Synod.

The Committee on Nominations recommended for Speaker next year to choose his own topic, Rev. Dr. C. Brett, Primarius, and Rev. Jacob Poppen, Ph. D., Secundus.

The hearty thanks of the Synod were tendered the pastor and congregation for their delightful hospitality, and the organist for his assistance at every service. The appreciation of the Synod was also gracefully expressed at the dinner on Tuesday and the collation on

Wednesday, in the presence of the ladies entertaining, by several brethren, to which the pastor made a fitting response.

It was resolved that the Stated Clerk and the pastor of the church entertaining the Synod be authorized to change the time of meeting from 3 o'clock to either an earlier or later hour in the afternoon, whenever the train service or the convenience of the Synod and the church made it desirable.

ARTICLE XIV.

DELEGATES TO GENERAL SYNOD.

The following nominations of the Classes were confirmed :

CLASSIS OF BERGEN.

PRIMARII.	SECUNDI.
Rev. Geo. M. Hunter,	Rev. J. W. Gowen, D. D.,
" John Justin,	" H. Vanderwart,
" Chas. S. Wright,	" Henry Ward,
" Arthur Johnson,	" Wm. Manchee,
Elder Peter Bogart,	Elder Isaac D. Bogert,
" Henry Bell,	" Jas. Huyssoon,
" J. C. Meharg,	" Hamilton V. Meeks,
" Henry C. Steinhoff,	" Jas. C. Thomson,

SOUTH CLASSIS OF BERGEN.

Rev. W. H. Boocock,	Rev. W. V. D. Strong,
" Emil A. Meury,	" J. A. Brown,
" F. S. Wilson,	" J. S. Hogan,
Elder Herman Kern,	Elder W. D. Francis,
" Henry Hoersch,	" F. C. Squier,
" Jas. Benny,	" S. D. Tompkins.

CLASSIS OF MONMOUTH.

Rev. Theo. A. Beekman,	Rev. B. B. Staats,
" I. P. Brokaw,	" A. I. Martine,
" G. Wyckoff, Ph. D.,	" O. VanBeverhoudt,
Elder W. W. Letson,	Elder Jos. Sutphen,
" Alonzo Brower,	" L. F. Schanck,
" W. W. Taylor,	" John Statesir.

CLASSIS OF NEWARK.

PRIMARII.	SECUNDI.
Rev. D. H. Martin, D. D.,	Rev. J. S. Allen,
" Cors. Schenck, Ph. D.,	" W. E. Bogardus,
" Wm. Stuart,	" T. J. Lee,
Elder J. W. Dawson,	Elder Stephen Cueman,
" Giles VanDuyne,	" Geo. S. Hobart,
" Jas. Marlatt,	" W. Guggenheimer.

CLASSIS OF NEW BRUNSWICK.

Rev. Clifford P. Case,	Rev. E. T. Corwin, D. D.,
" Paul J. Strohauer,	" John D. Bayles,
" John A. Thomson,	" A. D. Campbell, D. D.,
Elder A. V. D. Polhemus,	Elder H. M. VanCleef,
" Wm. H. Hulit,	" N. S. Williamson,
" Jacob Wyckoff,	" Benj. I. Smith.

CLASSIS OF PARAMUS.

Rev. John S. Ellsworth,	Rev. W. H. Vroom, D. D.,
" Eugene Hill,	" Martin Flipse,
" J. Edward Grant,	" J. H. Whitehead,
" Teunis H. Hoonte,	" E. W. Thompson,
" Jas. M. Martin,	" Fred G. Dekker,
Elder S. Grant Thorburn,	Elder A. A. Blauvelt,
" Calvin Terhune,	" Jacob DeBleek,
" A. R. Kingsbury,	" John Henion,
" Roelf Bakker,	" Peter Quackenbush,
" George Berdan,	" Peter Breen.

CLASSIS OF PASSAIC.

Rev. Alex. McKelvey,	Rev. Theo. F. Bayles,
" S. R. Cunningham,	" Chas. B. Mitchell,
" J. W. TePaske,	" Helenus E. Nies,
Elder J. H. Brown,	Elder S. Francisco,
" Geo. W. VanNess,	" George Demarest,
" N. G. Fylstra,	" N. VerDuyn.

CLASSIS OF PHILADELPHIA.

Rev. W. L. Johnson,	Rev. John Hart,
" H. P. Craig,	" R. H. Milliken, D. D.,
" A. J. Walter,	" W. H. Williamson,

PRIMARII.	SECUNDUS.
Elder Henry B. Thomas,	Elder Peter T. Huff,
" John R. Banes,	" W. N. Shoffner,
" Jacob S. Hoagland,	" Thos. H. Marston.

CLASSIS OF RARITAN.

Rev. Wm. S. Cranmer, D. D.,	Rev. P. M. Doolittle, D. D.,
" Wm. E. Davis,	" E. G. Read, D. D.,
" Henry T. Jones,	" I. Sperling,
Elder John Groendyke,	Elder S. P. Nevius,
" Elias M. Stiger,	" Peter C. VanNuys,
" George Stilwell,	" John S. Hardin.

ARTICLE XV.

INSTRUCTIONS TO DELEGATES.

None were given.

ARTICLE XVI.

ADJOURNMENT.

Synod adjourned at 12.40 P. M. of the second day of the session to hold its next annual meeting in the Second Church of Somerville, N. J., on the first Tuesday of May, 1905, at 3 P. M., or other convenient hour in the afternoon.

CLOSE OF THE SYNOD.

The minutes were read and approved, the usual number were ordered to be printed, and the Synod adjourned with prayer by Rev. A. F. Todd, and the benediction by the President.

ALEXANDER McKELVEY, *President.*

THOS. POWELL VERNOLL, *Vice President.*

EDWARD DAWSON,
WILLARD D. BROWN, } *Clerks, pro tem.*

I. P. BROKAW, *Stated Clerk.*

Places of Meetings and Presidents.

1869.—First New Brunswick.....Rev. B. C. Taylor, D.D.
1870.—First New Brunswick.....Rev. William Reiley, D.D.
1871.—First, VanVorst, Jersey City..Rev. Wm. R. Gordon, D.D.
1872.—Acquackanonck, Passaic.....Rev. W. V. V. Mabon, D.D.
1873.—Freehold.....Rev. John Gardner.
1874.—Second, Newark.....Rev. J. Paschal Strong.
1875.—Second, Somerville.....Rev. George J. VanNeste.
1876.—First, Paterson.....Rev. William R. Duryee.
1877.—Second, New Brunswick.....Rev. William R. Gordon, D.D.
1878.—Bergen.....Rev. J. Howard Suydam.
1879.—First, Philadelphia.....Rev. John F. Mesick, D.D.
1880.—Neshanic .....Rev. James LeFevre.
1881.—Paramus .....Rev. Cornelius Brett.
1882.—Millstone.....Rev. M. H. Hutton, D. D.
1883.—First, New Brunswick.....Rev. Paul D. VanCleef, D.D.
1884.—Warwick.....Rev. Theodore W. Welles.
1885.—East Orange.....Rev. Thomas C. Easton, D.D.
1986.—Lafayette, Jersey City.....Rev. David Waters, D.D.
1887.—Lebanon .....Rev. Edward G. Reed.
1888.—Belleville..... .Rev. I. P. Brokaw.
1889.—Second, Philadelphia.....Rev. J. Preston Searle.
1890.—First, Somerville.....Rev. Wm. W. Knox.
1891.—Third, Raritan.....Rev. N. H. VanArsdale, D.D.
1892.—Nyack.....Rev. H. Vehslage, D.D.
1893.—First, Hackensack.....Rev. J. B. Thompson, D.D.
1894.—Broadway, Paterson.....Rev. W. H. DeHart.
1895.—North, Passaic.....Rev. Alan D. Campbell.
1896.—Ridgewood.....Rev. Charles I. Shepard, D.D.
1897.—Bayonne.....Rev. P. H. Milliken, Ph.D.
1898.—Clinton Avenue, Newark.....Rev. Peter Stryker, D.D.
1899.—Warwick .....Rev. W. S. Cranmer.
1900.—New Durham.....Rev. W. H. Vroom, D.D.
1901.—Freehold.....Rev. John Hart.
1902.—Plainfield.....Rev. Henry Ward.
1903.—First, New Brunswick .....Rev. P. Theo. Pockman, D.D.
1904.—Park Church, Jersey City.....Rev. A. McKelvey.

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ACTS AND PROCEEDINGS

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NEW BRUNSWICK.

The Particular Synod of New Brunswick met in Regular Session in the Second Raritan church of Somerville, N. J., on Tuesday, May 2nd, 1905, at 3 P. M., and remained in session until Wednesday, 12.30 P. M.

FORMATION OF SYNOD.

ARTICLE I.

OPENING OF THE SYNOD.

The Synod was opened with prayer by the President, Rev. Alex. McKelvey, who also preached the sermon on Tuesday evening, from the text Heb. 13:8—"Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to-day, and forever."

ARTICLE II.

MEMBERS PRESENT.

Classis of Bergen.—Ministers, Chas. S. Wright, I. W. Gowen and Henry Ward. Elder, J. C. Meharg.

South Classis of Bergen.—Ministers, A. J. Meyer, G. Andreæ, Jas. P. Stofflet. Elders, John Kohlman, J. H. Newton.

Classis of Monmouth.—Ministers, B. B. Staats, A. I. Martine.

Classis of Newark.—Ministers, C. W. Gulick, H. M. Mellen.

Classis of New Brunswick.—Ministers, Floris Ferwerda, John A. Thompson, P. J. Strohauer, E. V. V. Searle. Elders, John Remsen, John VanMiddlesworth.

Classis of Paramus.—Ministers, F. A. Seibert, J. H. Whitehead. Elder, J. H. Ackerman.

Classis of Passaic.—Ministers, J. W. TePaske, T. F. Bayles, C. B. Mitchell. Elder, Ira A. Mitchell.

Classis of Philadelphia.—Ministers, S. O. Lawsing, C. F. C. Suckow, G. M. Conover, Geo. Buckle. Elder, David McNair.

Classis of Raritan.—Ministers, Wm. Johnston, W. S. Cranmer, B. V. D. Wyckoff, E. G. Read. Elders, C. W. Holcomb, Jesse Conover, R. B. Nevius.

ARTICLE III.

OFFICERS.

Rev. Chas. S. Wright was elected President.

Rev. A. I. Martine was elected Vice President.

Rev's B. V. D. Wyckoff and E. V. V. Searle were elected Temporary Clerks.

ARTICLE IV.

MINUTES AND BEQUEST OF REV. ELIAS VAN BENSCHOTEN.

These were read.

ACTS OF THE SYNOD.

ARTICLE I.

RULES OF ORDER.

The reading was dispensed with.

ARTICLE II.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

The following were appointed :

On Synodical Minutes.—Rev's S. O. Lawsing, John A. Thompson. Elder, J. H. Newton.

On Classical Minutes.—Rev's E. V. V. Searle, P. J. Strohauer. Elder, David McNair.

Sub-Committees.

Rev. Henry Ward,	Elder, J. H. Newton,
Rev. J. P. Stofflet,	Elder, John VanMiddlesworth,
Rev. A. I. Martine,	Elder, Ira A. Mitchell,
Rev. C. W. Gulick,	Elder, D. McNair,
Rev. F. Ferwerda,	Elder, R. B. Nevius,
Rev. F. A. Seibert,	Elder, Jesse Conover,
Rev. T. F. Bayles,	Elder, C. W. Holcomb,
Rev. G. M. Conover,	Elder, J. H. Ackerman,
Rev. Wm. Johnston,	Elder, John Remsen.

On Classical Reports.—Rev's Alex. McKelvey, G. Andreæ. Elder, D. McNair.

On Overtures and Judicial Business.—Rev's J. P. Stofflet, A. J. Meyer. Elder, J. VanMiddlesworth.

On Nominations.—Rev's Henry Ward, C. B. Mitchell. Elder, R. B. Nevius.

On Treasurer's Report.—Rev's B. V. D. Wyckoff, F. Ferwerda. Elder, J. C. Meharg.

On Systematic Beneficence.—Rev's J. H. Whitehead, Geo. Buckle. Elder, J. C. Meharg.

ARTICLE III.

COMMUNICATIONS.

The following were received:

Notices from the Boards of Missions of the appointment of their representatives at this Synod, Rev. J. W. Conklin to speak for the Foreign Board, and Rev. W. W. Clark for the Domestic Board.

An invitation from the Fourth church of Philadelphia, at Manayunk, to hold the meeting of 1906 in their building, and to accept their hospitality for the session of Synod. The invitation was accepted with thanks.

A request from the Young People's League that their representative, Rev. Edward Dawson, or his secundus, Rev. C. W. Gulick, be given an opportunity to address the Synod on Wednesday morning.

ARTICLE IV.

CORRESPONDENCE WITH OTHER SYNODS.

Copies of the minutes of General Synod and of the Particular Synods of New York, Albany and Chicago, for 1904, were presented and referred to the Committee on Synodical Minutes, who reported that they found nothing requiring the attention of Synod.

ARTICLE V.

CLASSICAL REPORTS.

The Committee on Classical Reports presented their report which is as follows:

The report was accepted and adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CLASSICAL REPORTS.

The Committee on the State of Religion in the Synod of New Brunswick respectfully reports.

Reports have been received from all of the nine classes of Synod. One of them, however, was almost at the twelfth hour.

They present the churches of Synod in general in quite a healthful condition. The "Revival Wave," as it is sometimes called, has not yet struck the churches of this Synod. Steady, faithful work, however, has been followed by encouraging results; and the general tone of most of the Classical report is one of hope.

There is little demanding particular mention, and as the reports of

Classes will be published in the minutes, it seems hardly necessary to call special attention to individual churches.

Classis of Bergen.—This Classis reports no special manifestation of divine grace. The year, it is said, may be described as one of regular and steady efforts along established lines of work. As the business of the church, earnest inquiry into the methods of soul-winning is urged Emphasis is justly placed upon labors among the young. With removal of members, the importance of taking letters of dismission is urged. There have been received into the membership of the churches during the year, 285 on confession, 2 more than were received the year previous; by letter 111, 15 less; total number of communicants, 4,510, 183 more than last year. For denominational objects, there have been contributed $6,185.51, an advance of $191.51; for congregational purposes $64,378.01, an advance of $3,226.92.

South Classis of Bergen.—"The reports of the several churches show a good spiritual and financial condition." Substantial additions have been made to several of the churches; but, through the revision of rolls, there is a decrease in the membership. On confession, during the year, there have been received 206, 55 less than last year; by letter 99, 9 more than in the year previous; the total membership is 3,957, 73 less than in last year's report. For denominational objects, there have been contributed $3,758, an increase over the previous year of $170.70; congregational objects, $54,032, or an increase of $1,684.63.

Classis of Monmouth.—In the Classical report there is nothing of note. There is evidenced an excellent spirit. One of the pastors suggests a daily prayer hour for the salvation of individuals. Many, he believes, will observe it.

Another consistorial report sends this: "Aegroto dum anima est, spes esse dicitur." "Spes non fracta!"

During the year there have been received into the churches on confession, 49, a decrease from last year of 29; by letter, 22, a decrease of 8; total number of communicants reported, 1,333, a decrease of 74; contributed for denominational objects, $1,680.41, a decrease of $46.59; for congregational, $13,780.69, a decrease of $1,832.31.

Classis of Newark.—This Classis reports a "year of steady growth along every line." "A gratifying increase in benevolence is noted;" hence, "the contributions to the Boards have been increased."

There have been added to the churches during the year 348 on confession, being an increase of 7 over the last year; and 172 by letter, or a decrease from last year of 33. The contributions for denominational purposes have been $31,268.00, an increase above last year of $6,600.60;

and for congregational expenses $67,816.00, or a decrease of $9,418.05. The above figures are from comparison of the Statistical Reports, and differ a little from some of the figures given in the committee's report of this year.

Classis of New Brunswick.—The report speaks of restlessness and many changes; of members not taking their letters; and of places on farms and shops being filled by non-church goers. There is, however, encouraging work in the Sabbath-schools. The need of missionary work is emphasized, and there is the expression of a general longing for a "revival." On confession, 77 have been received, 15 less than last year; by letter, 74, being 14 more; total in communion, 2,687, or 116 less than were reported the previous year. The contributions for denominational benevolence are $5,650.03, or $84.48 less than last year; for congregational purposes, $32,385.51, $1,832.10 more than the year previous.

Paramus.—The reports from this Classis are cheerful. Hopeful signs are expressed. More have been received on confession than in several years, and a revival is looked for. During the year there have been received 275 on confession, or 114 more than last year; 144 by letter, being an advance of 10. The contributions to denominational benevolence are $11,032.64, $77.84 less than last year; and for congregational purposes, $68,264.61, or $5,686.67 less than in the previous year.

Classis of Passaic.—The tone of the report is cheerful, and the signs are hopeful. It closes with the Apostle's exhortation, "Be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might." There have been received 149 on confession, or an increase of 4 on the past year, and 68 by letter, 1 less. The contributions to denominational objects have been $3,056.53, or an increase over last year of $62.16; to congregational purposes, $33,464.57, or $765 less.

Philadelphia.—In their report, the committee of this Classis seems to discount, it may be justly, the importance of figures, intimating their inability to present consecrated moral and spiritual tabulations. "Some of the churches are strong in their joy of success and growth." Most of them are praying for the quickening of the Holy Spirit.

In the sudden death of our genial brother Williamson, late Stated Clerk of Classis, God in his all wise providence sends a message of admonition to us all.

The churches of Classis have received on confession 159, being 5 more than in the previous year, and by letter 63, an advance of 3. Total in communion, 3,033, 8 less than the number reported last

year. There have been contributed for denominational objects, $3,511.25, $229.65 advance on the past year; and for congregational purposes, $27,830.37, or $431.12 less than the amount given as per last year's report.

Raritan.—There is reported in general a healthy religious life and happy progress. There have been held some special evangelistic services with gratifying results. A constant exodus from small towns to large towns, or cities is spoken of, yet through more systematic methods there is a large increase in contributions to denominational objects. Several churches have also succeeded in paying off, or reducing church debts.

During the year there have been added to the churches 106 on confession, an advance on the previous year of 6; by letter 80, or 21 less. For denominational objects there have been contributed $4,278.00, an advance on last year of $1,313.70; for congregational purposes, $31,572.00, an advance of $1,241.77.

Comparing the Synodical summary of this year with that of the last, errors and mistakes excepted, we find a loss of one in the number of churches; a gain of 4 in ministers, 2 in candidates, 409 in the number of families, and 84 in number received on confession; 8 by letter less; dismissions, 50 more; suspensions, 12 less; died, 13 less; total in communion, 351 more; baptism of infants, 44 more; adults, 39 less; baptized non-communicants, 2,256 more; catechumens, 1,099 less; number of Sunday-schools, 8 added; total enrollment, 236 additional; denominational objects, $18,359.41 more; other objects, $5,558.23 less; congregational, $10,177.80 less.

Respectfully submitted,

ALEX. McKELVEY,
GOTTLIEB ANDREÆ,
DAVID McNAIR.

CLASSIS OF BERGEN.

Your committee on the State of Religion respectfully report:

Another year of church work is over and the report is ready for record in the annals of the church. Another record, however, is kept on high which no statistics can measure, of faithful service and earnest prayer, of holy influences and helpful ministry, that have made the churches of our Classis, in their respective communities, centres of God's grace and power. The local church is the custodian of God's

spiritual gifts to the community and, as trustee, a faithful administration is her highest crown. Her ministry must be to the whole man, body, mind and spirit, and neglect of any part of this ministry works harm to all.

The year has been marked by no special manifestation of Divine grace, but may be described as a year of regular and steady effort along established lines of work. The accessions on confession of faith, almost the same as last year—only two difference—while calling for thanksgiving to God for the soul's won to the service of the kingdom, also calls for earnest inquiry into the methods of soul-winning followed in the churches of our Classis. Has the responsibility of every christian as a soul-winner been sufficiently emphasized when it takes sixteen communicants to win a single soul? The gospel records one instance when it took four to bring one to Jesus, but the modern methods of church work require four times as many. Soul-winning is the business of the church, but a glance at the statistical column headed "on confession," reveals the fact that either there are few souls to be saved in our communities or that our business methods as soul-winners are not effective.

A report was read in an ecclesiastical assembly something like this: "Members received, none. Dismissed, none. Died, none, Married, none. Given to missions during the year, nothing. Paid pastor, nothing. Brethren, pray for us that during the next year we may hold our own." Prayer for revival has marked the present year. The revival that all of our churches need is a revival of soul-winning among all the members of our churches, pastors and elders, as well as the people.

The accessions by letter, 111 in number, are not what they ought to be in our fast growing communities, recruited from the great cities. The fault lies with the pastors and churches who do not encourage their people to take their letters to the new community as soon as they are settled. Every church in our Classis would be strengthened in its work if this were done. The failure to connect with the local church in the new community is the cause of the lapse of many church members into indifference and neglect.

The total now in communion, 4,510, shows the force to be counted, would that it meant to be counted on, as our working force for the extension of Christ's work. Is it an undisciplined mob, or an army ready for mobilization? The staff of officers are responsible for the efficiency of a regiment. For a like reason our consistories, pastors, elders and deacons are responsible for the efficiency of a church.

The baptismal register shows great difference in our churches in the number receiving infant baptism. Where German communities are found, in every case there is a larger number than in the other communities.

The Sunday-school work of our churches is a most important one, and the 30 schools with their enrollment of 7,223, are to be counted as one of the forces of the church of the future to be trained for christian service.

Wider lines of work followed up between the Sundays should supplement and support the teaching by the training and nurture of the young. The period of adolescence, the golden hour of religious conviction and conversion, is the strategic period in life influence. The church should guard and guide its young people in this period with knowledge of its needs and efficient means to meet that need.

The contributions for this year for denominational objects amounting to $6,185.14, an increase over last year, and the contributions to other objects amounting to $3,086.31, a decrease from last year, and the contributions for congregational purposes amounting to $64,378.01, an increase of over $3,000, show a good financial year in our churches.

The reports of individual churches have interesting data from which we make short extracts.

First Hackensack reports the year has been one of sowing the seed and watering it with prayer. Repairs have been made on the interior of the church. A band of men are meeting every Sunday afternoon to pray for a reviving of God's spirit.

English Neighborhood notes an increase in congregation and Sunday-school. A successful effort is being made to put in a new pipe organ, Mr. Carnegie helping with a donation of $500.

New Durham reports a year of growing work and generous giving. The church has undertaken the support of Rev. E. C. Scudder as its Missionary in India. The generous gift of Mr. and Mrs. John Crosby Brown of the Clifton Mansion, and eight lots overlooking the city, worth at a fair estimate $20,000, continues the donations of a christian family of another communion to the work of the Reformed church.

The work at the *West New York Chapel* has been most encouraging, an extension costing $1,700 being needed and added during the year.

First Hoboken reports that after an unsettled condition the church seems to have gained confidence in itself, and in the phrase of an elder concerning the work of the year, "The best in its history."

North Bergen reports "a larger attendance at services and an increase in general benevolence."

Second Hackensack expects to celebrate its fiftieth anniversary in October. A gift of a new organ by Hon. Wm. M. Johnson will be in time for the jubilee, and a newly decorated church will greet the Classis as its guests.

German Evangelical, Hoboken has reduced its debt through a legacy of $1,000, and a special effort will be made to remove the debt before the 50th anniversary soon to be held.

Third Hackensack has entered upon an era of improvement of its property.

Closter has completed and dedicated a new chapel at Harrington Park, and a growing work is reported there.

Coytesville is without a pastor, Rev. Floris Ferwerda having been called to the church of Millstone, in the Classis of New Brunswick.

Guttenburg has made an addition to its Sunday-school building, costing $500.

Central Avenue, Jersey City, reports an advance in attendance and benevolence.

Cherry Hill has had its most successful financial year in the history of the church, together with a strong spiritual current in all departments.

Westwood has paid $800 on its church mortgage.

Oradel reports a threefold increase in its benevolence over last year.

Hasbrouck Heights is much concerned with problems connected with the active entrance of Christian Science into that community.

Highwood reports a prosperous year with the hope of reaching self-support very soon.

Bogart Memorial has decided to become self-supporting, and is making promising efforts toward building a parsonage.

First West Hoboken reports a bright sunset to a year of great blessing. Evangelistic services have been held with most encouraging results. In addition to carrying on the increased expenses of the church, $4,600 have been received on account of the building fund of a new church building, for which the ground has been broken. This good report of a church, the youngest in our Classis, shows the spirit which "attempts great things for God" because "expecting great things from God."

In closing our report we record our thankfulness to God for His grace, and our purpose as a Classis to enter with renewed earnestness upon the work of the Reformed church both at home and abroad.

I. W. GOWEN,
DAVID M. TALMAGE.

The following changes have occurred: On May 23, 1904, the candidates Alonzo A. Ranson and A. Peter Tulp were received, the former from the Classis of New Brunswick, and the latter from the Classis of New York. Mr. Ranson was installed over the First church of Hoboken June 2, and Mr. Tulp over the church of Hasbrouck Heights June 3.

The Rev. Floris Ferwerda has been dismissed to the Classis of New Brunswick, and the Rev. G. M. Hunter to the Presbytery of New York.

Mr. John E. Straub, a graduate of the Bloomfield Seminary, has been licensed to preach the gospel.

SOUTH CLASSIS OF BERGEN.

Report of the Committee on the State of Religion.

The reports of the several churches of the Classis show that they are in a good spiritual and financial condition. While none of the churches seem to have felt the power of the revival wave, the church of Greenville has been unusually blessed in the number of accessions through the regular means of grace. A few of the other churches have also had substantial additions to their membership, but through the revision of the rolls of several churches the total number of those now in communion is less than that reported last year. Notwithstanding the fact that two new Sunday-schools have been reported there has been a loss of 92 in the total enrollment. Doubtless this also is due to the revision of the rolls which now give a more accurate accounting.

There has been an increase in every branch of the finances. The sum for "Denominational Objects" is the largest reported since 1901. The contributions for other objects of benevolence have not suffered thereby, but have also been materially increased, while the amount raised for congregational purposes is $1,685 larger than last year.

The reports of the individual churches, in whole or in part, is hereby appended.

Bergen reports another year of work, which on the whole has been satisfactory. The various organizations of the church have been active along their several lines of effort. The Sunday-school of the church has been graded according to the suggestions made by the General Synod at its last session. While this reorganization is by no means complete, a beginning has been made with good results and the confident expectation that in a few years a great improvement will be made in religious education. Death has made inroads upon our mem-

bership. Among our losses was that of a well-beloved and faithful Deacon, Orlando S. Mecabe, who without any warning to us, or to himself, was suddenly called away from his post within a few days after he had ministered the bread and wine at the Lord's Supper. Our community begins to feel the effects of the migration of our population. Our dismissions represent in all cases families removed from the bounds of our congregation. The accessions show a net gain of eleven members, again giving the church the largest number of communicants ever reported.

First Bayonne. The past year of our church life has been without special incident. It has been a year of normal growth. The church services, the various organizations, and the week-day meetings have been in general well sustained. The prayer-meeting, however, has not been as well attended as formerly. But the pastor's Bible Class, held on Tuesday evening, has been more largely attended and the interest has been marked. A Church Building Fund for the erection of a new church edifice in the distant future has been started. Perhaps the most notable feature of the year has been the reorganization of the Sunday-school. Two departments, the Primary and the Junior, have been reorganized, and are manned, each with a superintendent and secretary and a full corps of teachers. The effort is being made to put the Sunday-school on a truly educational basis. Two normal classes have been formed, one for the teachers of the Primary Department, the other for the teachers of the Junior Department, and these are taught by the pastor. Fully half the time of these classes is devoted to the study of child nature. It is the purpose of the officers and Consistory to complete the organization of the school in the near future.

The Wayne Street Church states that despite the natural reaction after the strenuous financial efforts of last year they close the year with about the normal total for congregational purposes. A decrease in benevolence is shown, due to two reasons: first, the absence through sickness of a generous supporter of the work; and second, because some of the organizations have appropriated their money this year to local charity—the call for this kind of service being an increasing one, and, in face of the local conditions, one that cannot be neglected, indeed our down-town field is becoming a literal Foreign and Domestic Mission field combined. A thorough revision of the rolls of the church and Sunday-school has been made. A men's association has been organized during the year, and its initial efforts promise well for its future work as a practical auxiliary of the church. The first year of the "Crusaders" has justified its organization. Apart from the $34.43

which the "Post" raised for Missions—above its own expenses—it has the advantage of systematic training in Missions, and the enthusiasm of a semi-military organization; making this youngest branch of the Sunday-school a very valuable and promising one.

The Park Church reports a year of blessings, delightsome christian fellowship, and marked prosperity. The several organizations have done their work well and in perfect harmony. On two special occasions the pastor was the recipient of generous gifts from the congregation, which betokened their appreciation of his services. Effort has been made to concentrate the working forces of the church, rather than form new organizations. Stress has been laid upon the importance of the regular services and means of grace. A week of special services in January resulted in a spiritual uplift and the conversion of sinners. The people have been constant in prayer and faithful to their obligations. The congregations are good and we have an excellent opportunity to sow the seed and pray for the harvest. God has favored us in ways we know not of, and to Him we give the praise. His goodness has been poured out with the might of a great giver.

The Fifth Street Church, Bayonne, says the past year has been one of blessing. We gratefully acknowledge our heavenly Father's favor, and humbly implore His grace for the coming year. A spirit of unity prevails. All departments of the work are well sustained. The wife of our pastor-emeritus has gone from us. Her life was full of good works, and her memory is blessed.

The Second Church of Hudson City gratefully looks back upon a year of blessed work. While our membership remains about the same, yet we are happy to report a marked awakening in spiritual matters. We report with sorrow the death of our assistant Sunday-school superintendent John Peter Ackerman, who for twenty years has faithfully served his Master in our school, leading the little ones to the green pastures of God's word.

The Lafayette Church has been called upon to mourn the death of another Elder, Mr. Jacob VanHorne, one of the charter members of the church, and for several years the senior Elder. The memory of his service is precious. The work is in a healthy condition both financially and spiritually. The "Jubilee Service" for the liquidation of the mortgage has given an impetus to all branches of the work. The renovation of the interior of the church and the erection of memorial windows is contemplated this summer. Another substantial accession to the membership has been made; four-fifths of the additions being on confession. An increase in Denominational Benevolence is also noted with gratitude.

The Greenville Church rejoices in the constantly increasing interest in their work and worship, the attendance at all services for worship having more than doubled during the past ten months. The prayer-meetings are vigorous, and evince the presence of the Holy Spirit. Of the 70 who have united with the Church 25 have been men. Besides this, 20 others who had been alienated aforetime have now become interested in our work and worship. The interest in Missions and Benevolence has not been what it ought to be, but we trust another year will see marked improvement. We feel that the blessing of God the Father rests upon our labors, and we desire to work in harmony with His will, thereby to reap even more abundantly a rich harvest of lives for His kingdom.

The Free Church sends only statistics, and the statement that 72 names have been placed on the absent membership list. The report gives the record of a very prosperous year.

The Third Church of Bayonne also reports only statistics, which show the work to be in a good condition.

The First German Evangelical states that the year has not been marked by great events, but has been one of peace, good will, and quiet upbuilding. The great financial exertion of the last two years could not be repeated, yet we have a good plan fairly under way to wipe out the Church debt in a few years. A men's society has been organized consisting of 65 members. The aim is threefold: to assist the church, to link themselves socially together, and to procure work for those who are in need of it. We are sorry to confess that we did not raise any funds for the Boards of the church on account of the falling away of the appropriation, but the collections for these will soon be forwarded.

The St. John's German Evangelical Church sends only statistics. These are evidence of a busy and sacrificing congregation. Despite the fact that 20 have been dismissed and 14 died the prospect for the church is bright, for 76 infants have been baptized by the pastor.

Ecclesiastical Changes.—The licentiate, Gordon H. Eggleston, was received from the Presbytery of Brooklyn, May 17, 1904, and ordained and installed over the Greenville Church, June 20, 1904.

The Rev. Herman W. J. Schulz was received from the Presbytery of Elizabeth, June 27, 1904, and on July 12, 1904, was installed pastor of the Third German Church of Bayonne.

June 27, 1904, William Mager was examined for licensure and ordination. His ordination took place July 3, 1904, when he became an assistant to Dr. Meury, in the Second Church of Hudson City. The

Rev. Wm. Mager was dismissed to the Presbytery of Nassau, Sept. 23, 1904.

The Rev. Andrew J. Meyer was received from the Classis of Orange and installed over the Free Reformed Church, Sept. 23, 1904.

CLASSIS OF MONMOUTH.

Consistorial reports have been received from all the churches except Highlands. A comparison of the statistics with those received a year ago show an increase in the number of families of 29, a decrease in the number in full communion of 7, a loss in the total enrollment of Sabbath-schools of 21, a falling off in denominational benevolences of $46.59, in other benevolences of $64.29, and in congregational contributions of $1,716.31.

First Freehold reports: "The year just closing has been for us an uneventful one, work having been carried along the ordinary channels of church life without interruptions. God has been with us, by His Spirit, promoting peace and good will throughout the boundaries of the congregation."

Holmdel reports: "We have had a quiet and pleasant year. All the services have been maintained. Benevolence not up to last year. The demands from our own boards are so pressing that we have deemed it best to curtail all other forms of benevolence. We close the year free from debt."

Middletown reports: "We have not been able to do all that we wished to do, but we feel that we have accomplished something. Six of our young people have publicly professed their faith in Christ, two others have united with the church by certificate, making a total of eight for the year. In material things we have nothing but thanksgivings to add. Our obligations have been met promptly, and in addition a beautiful and artistic stone approach has been added to the front of the church buildings. We look forward to the future with hope, trusting that He who has led us hitherto will be with us still."

Second Freehold reports: "The past year has been one of material rather than spiritual progress." Though improvements have been made and the church given a coat of paint, "the benevolences have not fallen below the average." "We are seeking, however, to keep in touch with the evangelistic temper of the times, and are earnestly waiting for the greater gift of the Spirit. The pastor has suggested a daily prayer hour which he believes many will observe. He has asked

the entire membership of the church to constitute themselves a secret 'One More Band,' whose pledge to the Lord is to cease not prayer and effort to bring their friends, one by one, into the kingdom."

Long Branch sends this word: "Aegroto dum anima est, spes esse dicitur." "Spes non fracta."

Keyport and *Colts Neck* send statistics only.

No report has been received from *Highlands*.

Asbury Park reports: "All departments of our work have been excellently sustained during the year, with but one exception—denominational benevolences. These have fallen off, not through any lack of interest, but through urgent and unusual expenditures upon our property. The outlook for the coming year is bright, and our prayer is, that by our Master's help we may be largely useful in advancing His kingdom."

Red Bank reports: "Financially the work has been more difficult this year than the year previous, but the spiritual development has been greater than we expected because of the growing interest of the community in the welfare of the young church. The membership has been substantially increased, and all organizations of the field have grown."

During the year there have been two accessions to the ministry of our Classis. Arthur P. Brokaw was, on May 25th, ordained in the Second Church of Freehold, as a missionary pastor under appointment to Oklahoma. H. S. VanWoert was received from the Classis of Schoharie and installed and ordained as pastor of the church at Keyport, July 26th.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLARD CONGER,

Chairman.

CLASSIS OF NEWARK.

The Classis of Newark records a year of steady growth along every line. The seventeen churches have pastors and all are well manned. A gratifying increase in benevolences is noted. A new church organized last November has been added to the roll. A minister has been placed over the Linden church so long without a settled pastor. There have been added 225 families, (520 members) making the total number of families under care of the churches 3,101—(5,620 members). 6,434 children are in the Sabbath-schools. The contributions to the Boards have been increased by over $7,500.

Belleville Church comes with a good report. Twenty-seven were added on confession, 3 by certificate. The net gain for the year is 20.

First Church, Newark, is about to undergo a change in the pastorate. Hence there was no report for this year.

Irvington Church grows steadily. The congregations tax the present inadequate building. Pastor and people are paving the way for a new church project.

New York Avenue Church brings in its usual report of fine benevolences. The pastor celebrated the twelfth anniversary of his ministry here last fall. We note an addition to membership of 26.

Franklin Church brings no great statistical report, but reports a deeper spiritual interest in the church.

North Reformed Church reports its usual large accessions: 92 on confession, 47 by letter. This church has increased its benevolences by $7,500. All the services are crowded. The two ministers in charge are overworked.

West Newark Church reports peace and harmony, increased contributions and a growing active membership.

The Clinton Avenue Church records 116 new members. Along every line activity. Every service well attended. During the year the assistant pastor, the Rev. Abram Mattice, died. He is succeeded by the Rev. Andrew M. Arcularius. Recently the senior minister celebrated the fifteenth anniversary of the pastorate.

Trinity Church, Newark, comes teeming with real work and brimming with activities. The pastor has just ended his eleventh year. The church was never in a more prosperous condition.

Linden Church has just called a new pastor and the year's report proves the wisdom of the step.

Christ Church has added 33 new members, increased its benevolences and collected a magnificent sum of money for the new church building during the year. The pastor is gratified and is blest.

Brookdale reports good attendances and the usual fine benevolences.

First Church of Orange has just celebrated the thirtieth anniversary of the pastor's ministry here, as well as that of the founding of the church. The latter end of this church is more glorious than its beginning. The year's report shows marked progress and pronounced increase.

Trinity, Plainfield, reports accessions numbering 40. This spring the pastor celebrated the eighteenth anniversary of his service in this church. Attendances are good; benevolences are well sustained.

German, Plainfield, has just secured the regular services of a stated supply who is on the ground. After much waiting and sowing we hope for a good reaping.

Montclair Heights shows an advance. The membership has been increased. The benevolences are unprecedented. Pastor and people are happy.

Hyde Park, East Orange, is but six months old, but already it is waxing strong Its membership of 62 grows with every communion. Its benevolences are magnificent. God bless this vine of His planting.

HENRY MERLE MELLEN,
Chairman.

CLASSIS OF NEW BRUNSWICK.

The committee on Consistorial reports of the Classis of New Brunswick would submit their report as follows :

Viewing the reports purely from a statistical standpoint, it would seem that the Classis of New Brunswick had lost ground during the past year.

The totals show a loss of more than fifty families, and a loss of more than one hundred communicants—less benevolences by $400 than last year.

But this view is to a degree offset by the fact that the lists of families and communicants of some churches have been subjected to radical revision—the Six Mile Run list being reduced by 60 names ; and the Hillsborough list by 85 names—the list of the families of the 1st church of New Brunswick being reduced by 35.

There seems to be a restlessness on the part of the people, the effect of which is felt in both country and city churches. People move about from place to place and frequently do not stay in the same place for a long time. This has been the state of affairs for the last four or five years, and seemingly in greater measure than ever before. Many neglect to take their letters, and are slow to unite with other churches. This is tending to increase the absent lists, and to reduce the resident memberships. The places on the farms and in the shops are too often filled by non-church-going people. The problem is growing every year, and must be met by the pastors of our churches, and those zealous christian people who have the interest of God's kingdom at heart.

It would seem as though a large field of missionary effort was opening up among these new resident non-church-goers, the working of

which depended upon the resources, tact and zeal of the neighboring christian people.

But, however, this may be, we have reason to rejoice in the increase in the number of Sunday-school scholars and in the splendid indications of material prosperity as shown by the congregational expense total, and although we may feel somewhat discouraged that greater spiritual results are not in evidence; yet who knows but that this may be the time of sowing, the time of watering; the time for nurturing and the time for reaping may not be far distant.

There seems to be a general longing for a spiritual revival and an air of expectancy that the manifestation of God's special power is near.

For the most part the reports show steady work along usual lines:

First, New Brunswick, reports a year of ordinary activity--the usual services and harmony. They emphasize the necessity of a changed plan of operations. Deaths and removals have of late taken away valuable working material. The work is shifting quite rapidly to younger members. A new plan is under way for aggressive and more effective work. Many members have moved up town, and it is the desire of the pastor that the 1st church take up the work at the Throop Avenue Mission alone. The organizations of the church are all doing their work in the accustomed way; but some method of expanding their usefulness is sought—something to bring the opportunities and the members into their proper relations.

Six Mile Run reports a thorough revision of the roll to a resident basis, with a reserve list of 79 names. There was an unusually large accession to the membership, but this was equally balanced by deaths and dismissions. The Six Mile Run church has been affected of late by the seeming restlessness and moving of families. And while this does not seem to have affected the benevolences of the church, yet the congregational finances have been very hard hit by an income that is 25 per cent. short of expenses. This constitutes the immediate problem of the church. The special evangelistic services held last May were helpful and inspiring—attendance and interest were good. Yet these meetings seemed to be more helpful to comfort saints than to convert sinners. Still there were 12 accessions on confession at the next communion service—all young people and one-half of them young men.

The *Hillsborough Church* reports that the people have cordially received their new pastor who was installed at the last regular session of Classis. The services are well attended and the church and cottage

prayer meetings well sustained. Financially, the church has also prospered, a new slate roof on the church and a steam heating apparatus in the parsonage being added, and almost wholly paid for. The spiritual prospects are looked forward to with hopefulness.

The Middlebush Church reports a year of temporal and spiritual prosperity. Each communion service has brought accessions. The pastor's salary has been increased. The long-contemplated chapel has been completed, and has already become a great comfort and convenience to the congregation. In addition to a fund on hand of $1,058, $1,200 additional was raised, and the chapel is free from debt. There is a marked increase in attendance at Sunday-school. The Home Department is more than doubled. All other services are well sustained.

The Griggstown Church sends only statistical report, which indicates a good condition materially and spiritually. An increase is shown in membership, in benevolences, and in congregational expenses.

The Second New Brunswick Church reports the usual healthy condition, both financially and spiritually. The pastor has been absent since last October, visiting our mission stations in the far East. During his absence the Rev. George H. Payson has most acceptably performed the duties of the office. Additions to the church on confession have all come from the Sunday-school. The usual harmony prevails.

The Bound Brook Church gives only statistical report.

The East Millstone Church reports a year of steady work spiritually. Materially, more than $1,000 has been spent in repairs and in renovation of the church interior—and no debt.

The Metuchen Church reports a year of quietness and peace. The interior of the church has been beautified at an expense of $1,236 and no debt incurred. A Men's League and Mission Class has been organized for the study of Christian Missions, and for social fellowship. Services are well attended, but almost exclusively by professing christians. A religious awakening is hoped for.

The Suydam Street Church reports a year of encouragement and thankfulness. There have been some necessarily heavy expenditures, yet but a small debt is incurred, which will be removed next month. The mortgage on the parsonage has been materially lowered. The excellent financial showing is due to the care and planning of the finance committee, which has been in existence one year, and has proven to be a success. All organizations are in a flourishing condi-

tion, and are planning to broaden their work. The spiritual advancement of the church has been steady. They feel keenly the loss by death of two very efficient church workers.

The Highland Park Church reports a year of growth in numbers and value of church property. A new pipe organ, costing $1,100 has been installed. $500 of this sum was donated by Mr. Andrew Carnegie. The indebtedness on the church, which is exceedingly burdensome, has been reduced by $200, and $90 has been paid to building loan on chapel. The members are united, interested and active.

The *Spotswood Church* reports that they are holding their own. Some valuable families have been sent away by the Tobacco Trust. But there is prospect of better things in the erection of the Physical Culture city by a Mr. McFadden.

HENRY LOCKWOOD,
Chairman.

CLASSIS OF PARAMUS.

The committee on the State of Religion respectfully reports: After careful examination of all reports at hand we find great reasons for encouragement in the work of the past year, there is a tone of confidence expressed in almost every church which speaks of a confident christian faith in the future advancement of God's kingdom.

There have been more accessions to the churches on confession of faith than in several years before, the Holy Spirit is undoubtedly working upon the hearts of the people, and the outlook is hopeful and bright for a revival of God's work in all our churches.

Aquackanonck reports the life of the church marked by a healthy development and growth, with peace and harmony continuing to prevail. Contributions for denominational objects have reached the high water mark.

Centerville reports the church services usually well attended, Christian Endeavor Society well sustained, thirty members added to the Sunday-school with an increased interest on the part of the members. It has also been a year of church improvement, a new stained glass window added, with carpets and pulpit furniture refurnished, and praying in expectation of large spiritual blessings.

Clarkstown.—No report.

Clifton.—The Clifton Reformed church gives devout thanks to Almighty God for His continued favor during the year. The work of

all societies carried forward with earnestness and zeal. The finances are well sustained, and the church praying for a deeper spiritual life. The church is also happy to state a further reduction of their debt.

Garfield reports a year of slow and steady growth with encouragement to hold fast and continuing in the work which God has given them to do.

Glen Rock sends only a statistical report.

Hawthorne mentions the Sunday-school roll revised every three months, and the names of any scholars being absent three months stricken from the roll, also the fact that their offering for Foreign Missions being taken on Easter Sunday could not be included in this report.

Lodi, First Holland, sends only a statistical report.

Lodi, Second.—No report.

North Paterson reports the completion of their new church. Congregation growing and glad to report all departments of church work in an encouraging condition.

Nyack reports the warm and kindly relations existing between pastor and people, and the remarkable growth of the church since his coming, thirty-four having been received on confession of faith, all the services well attended and every department of church work actively going forward.

Paramus reports some slight evidences of a quickened spiritual life with a fair degree of interest in the Sunday-school. There has also been an unusual number of dismissals because of removals, and a new church organized at Wortendyke.

Pascack reports the chapel renovated, piano placed in the Sunday-school, and heating plant in the parsonage. The encouraging feature of the accessions, the large proportion being adults, also a recognition of the gracious influence of the Spirit, and prayer that hearts may be more open and receptive to His leading.

Passaic, First Holland, reports steady progress along all lines.

Passaic, North, reports little of special interest, regular services have been maintained and God has not left them without some proof of his presence. The list of members has been revised, and many names carried in past years have been added to the absent list.

Paterson, Broadway, reports the church vacant, sending only a statistical report.

Paterson, First Holland, reports progress all along the line of christian work, a deeper and stronger devotion to the Lord's work. The

damage of the late flood covered fully except the library of the Sunday-school. Special offering amounting to two hundred and thirty-six dollars for the support of three widowed members of the church.

Paterson, Second.—We thank God that He has not left us without evidence of His presence and power in the sanctuary.

Piermont.—No report.

Ramapo reports church vacant, sending only statistical report.

Ramsays.—No report.

Ridgewood reports the growth of the church with a continuance of peace and prosperity and an evident deepening of spiritual life. Many young persons have been added to the church, and the Y. P. S. C. E. vigorous and helpful to the pastor. There is also an increase in benevolence.

Saddle River sends only statistical report.

Spring Valley reports an unusual work notwithstanding the lack of pastoral work on account of the infirmity of the pastor. All departments of the church maintained and a larger number received on confession of faith than at any other time during the present pastorate.

Tappan reports progress in both financial and spiritual affairs, benevolences exceeding last year in every department, also a revival in one of the chapels of the church resulting in several conversions, and the organization of a Christian Endeavor Society of over twenty-five members, four of these converts uniting with the church and more expected soon. The chapel also refurnished through the kindness of a lady who did it in memory of her husband. Some losses by removal, but others to take their place, and so far as can be seen there has not been any falling off in any of the departments of church work.

Warwick reports the year highly encouraging, financially the record being one of the best in the history of the church. A series of public services were held commemorating the centennial of the organization, a souvenir volume of one hundred and thirty pages with forty half tone plates was issued by the Consistory, covering the history of one hundred years. The church also mourns the loss of two honored and devoted members of Consistory, one serving as Deacon eleven years, the other serving as Elder twenty-four years. An addition of one thousand dollars in memoriam has been added to the invested funds of the church, and praying for God's blessing in spiritual things in greater measure in coming days.

West New Hempstead sends only statistical report.

Wortendyke, Holland reports the R. C. A. passing through a critical

year of its history here, a year of upheavals and "doing things," their situation at times so strained as to tax strategy severely, but in spite of all agitation they emerge with anxiety allayed, confidence confirmed, and with a gratifying increase in numbers. There is also a deepening of spiritual concern, praying that it may continue and augment to the glory of our Covenant Head and the prosperity of Zion.

Wortendyke, Trinity.—A new organization added to our roll, making the number twenty-nine. They are earnest and enthusiastic looking forward with bright hopes for the future. After July first they have resolved to contribute regularly to the Boards and Funds of the church.

Respectfully submitted,

EUGENE HILL,

Chairman.

Ministerial Changes.—June 9, 1904, the Rev. Sartell Prentice, Jr., was received from the Presbytery of Newark, and installed pastor of the Reformed church of Nyack, N. Y.

October 18, 1904, the pastoral relation existing between the Rev. L. Vandenburgh and the Reformed church of Ramapo, Mahwah, N. J., was dissolved, and Mr. Vandenburgh dismissed to the Presbytery of Brooklyn.

November 7, 1904, the pastoral relation existing between the Rev. Howard C. Hasbrouck and the Reformed church of Piermont was dissolved, and Mr. Hasbrouck dismissed to the South Classis of Long Island.

December 12, 1904, the Rev. Matthew N. Oliver departed this life with an exulting faith and a sure hope of eternal fellowship with God.

March 3, 1905, the pastoral relation existing between the Rev. Garrett M. Conover and the Reformed church of Clarkstown, West Nyack, N. Y., was dissolved, and Mr. Conover dismissed to the Classis of Philadelphia.

April 11, 1905, the Rev. D. Stuart Hoover was received from the Presbytery of New Brunswick, and arrangements made for his installation May 4, as pastor of the Reformed church at Piermont, N. Y.

At this session of the Classis, the Rev. Cornelius E. Crispell, D. D., who since 1879 has been the pastor of the Reformed church at Spring Valley, N. Y., was, at his own request, on account of his advanced age, declared *Pastor Emeritus.*

THEODORE W. WELLES,

Stated Clerk.

CLASSIS OF PASSAIC.

Boonton.—The report shows "nothing of special note," though several things are mentioned that are encouraging. Last June the 10th anniversary of the present pastorate was pleasantly celebrated; the church property has been greatly improved; all the services are well maintained; but best of all there are signs of an approaching work of grace.

Fairfield.—Statistics only.

Little Falls, First.—The past year has been one of united, faithful effort for the advancement of the Master's kingdom.

Little Falls, Second.—The year has shown very little change in our church. We had hoped for larger results. There are, however, evidences of the Spirit's working, and our trust is in the Lord of the harvest. The attendance at the services is good, the Sabbath-school is growing and the different societies are active. We pray for more devotion to the Master's cause.

Montville.—No report.

People's Park, Paterson.—This church reports an increase in membership, financial prosperity, continued peace; but they regret that they have to report a woeful lack of the Holy Spirit's working.

Pompton.—The year has been better than the previous one. Offerings have increased, evidencing a deeper consecration. The revised list shows a decrease in membership, which, however, is only in appearance. A better spirit is manifested among the members, which are blessed tokens of the future. They are thankful for God's blessings.

Pompton Plains.—Nothing very especial out of the ordinary has marked the work of the year. As the result of it, we have gradually been lengthening our cords and strengthening our stakes. Along the material side of growth we would mention the purchase of an additional parcel of ground for cemetery purposes, the installing of a new pipe organ, and the taking of steps looking toward the organization of a choir in place of a precentor to lead in the musical part of the worship. We are glad to report a goodly accession from the ranks of our young people on confession of faith. We are maintaining five weekly prayer meetings in different sections of our field which average a weekly attendance of more than one hundred. Our young people at Lincoln Park have organized a Christian Endeavor Society which is doing excellent work. Our Sabbath services are well sustained. Thus we thank God and take courage.

Ponds.—The attendance at the services is well sustained, the Sabbath-school grows, the benevolent spirit of the Y. P. S. C. E. is remarkable. The same can be said of the church as a whole. They are, however, sorry to report so small an increase in membership.

Preakness.—A fair year except for the sickness of the pastor, on account of which no evening services have been held since January. Otherwise the services have been well maintained. No particular religious interest has been manifested, but confidence in the future prevails. A small floating debt has been cleared and improvements are planned ; they regret, however, that it is at the expense of missions.

Riverside, Paterson.—The report shows a zealous and continued effort to extend God's kingdom. All the means of grace were regularly maintained. The week of prayer was duly observed. The auxiliaries have been faithful. The debt has been reduced and harmony prevails. Death has removed from our midst Mr. Schuyler Hopper, an ex-Elder, well known to the members of Classis for his genial christian spirit. While there is nothing striking to report, yet we are conscious of God's presence, and are looking to Him who has freely given us of His grace in the past for greater blessings, as we seek a gracious outpouring of His Holy Spirit.

Sixth Holland, Paterson.—Statistical report only.

Totowa First, Paterson.—The year closes with gratifying tokens of our Father's presence and blessings. Marked changes have been made in our church building. The spiritual life of the church does not seem over-zealous. Still each year adds to our members. We are praying for " showers of blessing."

Union Reformed, Paterson.—A year of encouragement. We more than held our own. The gospel seems to take deeper root than in years past. This is evident by a more faithful attendance upon the means of grace, and a closer attention to the preaching, a heartier response to the call of the Boards of our church, and a larger collection when the plate is passed for charitable purposes. This year was also peculiar, as on the 29th and 30th of January the church celebrated the 25th anniversary of the present pastorate with great delight and gratitude. The demonstrations of loyalty and appreciation of the pastor's work was very encouraging. This was further evidenced by the presentation of valuable gifts. The occasion will not soon be forgotten.

Wanaque reports nothing special. Little has been done. We hope for better times, however, as we soon hope to welcome our newly called pastor.

Wyckoff.—Our pastor having left Oct. 1 for another field, some of the church work has been somewhat neglected, especially the benevolent collections. Church services have been regularly kept up, however, with generally good attendance and interest. Prayer meetings, though sometimes small, have been maintained most of the time. We are hoping and praying to soon secure a faithful pastor, to arouse, encourage and lead us in the active christian life.

The reports, as received, breathe on the whole a cheerful tone, and with but few exceptions there is a gain in membership, as also in benevolent contributions. There has been a gain of 28 in the number of families, but a net loss in members of 11; a gain of $62.53 in benevolent contributions, but a loss of $765 for congregational purposes. While there are many reasons, therefore, for gratitude, there are also reasons for serious thought and earnest prayer. If there are hopeful signs for the future, let us not rest on our oars, but labor earnestly in the strength of the Lord. Let the Apostle's command be heeded: "Be strong in the Lord, and in the power of His might."

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. TE PASKE,

Chairman.

Ecclesiastical Changes,—On May 23, 1904, Mr. Benjamin F. White, a recent graduate of our Theological Seminary at New Brunswick, was licensed to preach the gospel, and, at his request, was given a letter of dismission to the Classis of Philadelphia.

On Oct. 4, 1904, the dissolution of the pastoral relation between the Rev. A. Westveer and the Reformed church of Wyckoff was effected, and brother Westveer, as he requested, was given a letter of dismission to the Classis of Philadelphia.

GEO. W. LABAW,

Stated Clerk.

CLASSIS OF PHILADELPHIA.

Your committee, in making its report, found a difficult task. Figures seem often to express so little. They are no thermometer of a church's condition, nor of a pastor's faithfulness. Little do they express the toil, consecration or heart-life of a people, and no better the devotion, travail and prayers of the pastor. Then, again, some of the figures of the reports do not seem to tally with the figures of the same churches of last year. Some churches have added or subtracted

from 10–25 in the column of membership without giving us any idea as to how that was done. Some of the churches are strong in their joy of success and growth, but most of them are hopefully praying for that quickening of God's Holy Spirit which somehow seems to be delaying.

Churches added, 1 ; in number of families we show an increase of 34 ; other increased figures are : by letter, 6 ; 3 more dismissed ; 12 more have died ; membership, 14 added ; Sunday-schools, 5 added, 1 from the new church organized and the other 4 from Bro. Johnson's report of Grace, Orangeburg ; enrollment added, 382—328 at Grace and 53 at All Soul's, leaving only 1 added to the Sunday-School in the entire Classis.

There has been no special work of grace in any of the churches, even Philadelphia 4th, reports 10 less than last year on confession. In this column only 3 report in 2 figures—Philadelphia 4th, 61 ; Philadelphia 5th, 10, and Talmage Memorial 10. On certificate, only 1 reports in 2 figures, namely : Neshanic, with 12. 5 churches report no additions by letter, and strange to note, 4 of these are in the city of Philadelphia, For 22 of the 23 churches this averages a little less than 3 on confession and 2⅔ each by letter. We are glad to note that the benevolent contributions have increased, mainly in Harlingen, Neshanic, Philadelphia 2d, 4th, and Talmage Memorial. The total is $3,427, an increase of $146, yet, after all, averaging in total only $1.23 per church member for the support of *all* the Boards and Funds of the church, or, if Philadelphia 1st is counted out ($5.20 per member) only 95c. a year given, on an average, by every church member in our Classis for the support of God's work outside of our bounds.

North and South Hampton says that nothing special has marked their church life during the year. Services in all departments have been kept up, but with small visible results. In closing, says : Our greatest need is more spiritual life ; a new baptism of the Holy Ghost, and for this we are trying to pray.

Harlingen reports a year of healthy prosperity, with a deep spiritual life, resulting in the addition of nine members on confession. Death has summoned three of the oldest members. Systematic giving, introduced in Sunday-school, Senior and Junior Endeavor, is bearing fruit. Many improvements have been made inside and outside of the church, including steam heating plant. All debts are paid and considerable balance in the treasury.

Neshanic is trying in every department to do its work faithfully, yet consciously falling short of meeting all the demands of the work.

Philadelphia, First.—No addition to the statistical report. Simply says: "The church is, we trust, waiting on God."

Philadelphia, Second, is neither elated nor depressed by a review of the year. While many have not heeded the gospel call, and others are living below the standard of discipleship, yet many have been helped and edified by the gospel message. Peace has prevailed, all expenses met, the debt diminished, and a larger spirit of benevolence has developed; for all of which blessings they rejoice.

Philadelphia, Fourth, sends this message: "Our congregation is in a healthful condition, and we are making progress both spiritually and financially."

Blawenburgh.—No report.

Stanton rejoices in God's goodness. A former pastor has returned to them as their under shepherd. Everything moves pleasantly and prosperously. All services are well sustained. A baptism of the Holy Spirit is desired. Membership is ten less than last year.

Clover Hill sends statistical report only.

Rocky Hill sends statistical report only. It is, however, to be said that this church has had the services of its new pastor since about March 1st, who evidently is doing a good work already.

Philadelphia, Fifth, rejoices in its peace, harmony and growth of christian fellowship. The special note of praise is found in the twenty-five years of unbroken service rendered by their pastor, the appreciation of which was manifest in a grand celebration last June, in which the substantial tokens of affection were not wanting. For all these blessings God is given the praise.

Addisville reports that the year has been one of quiet effort; sowing, not reaping, has been the task.

Three Bridges is happy in reporting new activity in all branches of church life and an increased attendance at all the meetings of the church. The Junior Christian Endeavor has been re-organized, and with the Ladies' Aid, the Missionary and Senior Christian Endeavor Societies and Sunday-school doing fair degree of active work. The spiritual interest is not satisfactory, though the offerings have never been larger.

Talmage Memorial reports that things are moving along satisfactorily under the new pastorate. Though 15 were added during the year, the membership roll has been reduced to 162. Nearly $1,300 were raised during the year to cancel the mortgage, which was burned in October. New hymn books have been introduced. We are now ready for the

construction of a two-story and basement Sunday-school building, at a cost of $8,000. We are working hard and together.

Philadelphia, South, has suffered from two vital hindrances to growth, financial depression and the almost epidemic sickness of the winter months. Though suffering by deaths and removals, yet there has been a steady and healthy growth, so that their report shows an increase in every line of work. Special services in March were very helpful, but as yet have not resulted in any additions.

Kampen.—No report.

Wilhemina expresses its deep sorrow because the Board of Domestic Missions could not appoint the Rev. T. A. Schilstra stated supply. They are hopeful, however, because seven new Holland families have settled among them, and the Board has promised a Sunday-school for the summer.

Philadelphia, Bethany, sends statistical report only. We would say, however, that the sad news has come to us while making up this report, that the Rev. Thos. H. Mead, who was installed pastor of this church only on Dec. 27th, last, died on last Saturday morning, April 8th, thus leaving this young and weak church again shepherdless.

Grace, Orangeburg, has had a very pleasant and successful year. The Sunday-school and Christian Endeavor Society have been well attended, and the interest among the young awakened, but ask for a still deeper work of grace.

Bethsaida sends statistical table only, but this is a puzzle. For example: Number of families last year 45; this year 8. Members last year 35; this year 10, though 8 were received on confession last year and 6 on certificate this year, and only reduction noted is one death last year.

Bethel.—No report.

Zion reports a good spiritual condition, and deep interest among members. By the aid of the Board they have erected a house of worship, and their hearts are made glad by a gift of $500 from the same source, toward the erection of a parsonage. They believe that they can now do effective work for the Master.

All Soul's.—This church has been recently organized and is said to be "very promising." It asks for a Parochial School. It reports 8 families, 15 received on confession, and a membership of 25.

WILLIAM SCHMITZ,
Chairman of Committee

Ecclesiastical Changes.—The licentiate Rev. William E. Simpson was received by certificate from the Classis of New Brunswick, and examined for ordination on May 26, 1904. He was ordained and installed as pastor of the South church of Philadelphia on May 27, 1904.

The licentiate Rev. Benjamin F. White was received by certificate from the Classis of Passaic, and examined for ordination on May 26, 1904. He was ordained and installed as pastor of the church at Three Bridges on May 31, 1904.

The pastoral relation between the Rev. Wm. Schmitz and the church at Rocky Hill was dissolved. Such dissolution took effect on June 18, 1904. The Rev. William Schmitz was installed as pastor of the Talmage Memorial Church on June 30, 1904.

The Rev. Adrian Westveer was received by certificate from the Classis of Passaic on Oct. 11, 1904, and he was installed as pastor of the church at Stanton, Oct. 25, 1904.

The Rev. George Buckle was received by certificate from the Presbytery of Elizabeth on Oct. 11, 1904, and he was installed as pastor of the church at Clover Hill on Nov. 10, 1904.

The pastoral relation between the Rev. J. S. VanOrden and the church at Blawenburg was dissolved. Such dissolution took effect on Nov. 13, 1904.

The Rev. Thomas H. Medd was received by certificate from the South Carolina Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church, in the United States, on Nov. 7, 1904, and he was installed pastor of the Bethany Reformed Church of Philadelphia, on Dec. 27, 1904, and died April 8, 1905, at Germantown, Philadelphia.

The Rev. William Hall Williamson died on Friday, April 22, 1905.

CLASSIS OF RARITAN.

Your committee on the State of Religion in the Classis of Raritan would respectfully report: That we have received statistical reports from every one of the fourteen churches in the Classis, showing in general a healthful, religious life, and happy progress made in the work of the Lord. Some refer to special evangelistic services which have been held with gratifying results. Others have been blessed with conversions gained through the ordinary ministrations of the word and the activities of christians. A larger number have joined our churches on confession of faith than during the preceding year; though, because, we have received fewer on certificate, and have met with greater losses by death and dismission, and several of our churches have revised their rolls, our total number of communicants has lessened by thirteen.

We have also lost in the census of families by reason of the many removals that are taking place in our rural towns. There is a constant exodus from the latter to the larger towns or cities, and our country churches feel greatly the absence of those who have been their loyal and staunch supporters. Hope for the future is suggested in the increase of infant baptism and in the well sustained Sunday-schools of the Classis—never before so well equipped and organized. Our contributions for denominational objects are largely in excess of those of last year, having increased from $2,964 to $4,272. We feel that this is a very creditable showing, especially in view of the fact stated that some of our churches have lost so many valuable families. The gain has been made by the use of more systematic methods of contribution, backed up by pastoral co-operation and enthusiasm. The part which our christian women have taken in making these gifts is worthy of particular mention. An increase in contributions for congregational expenses is also to be noted. And along with this we are glad to mention that several of our churches have succeeded in paying off or much reducing church debts that had long been burdensome, and that one church, the church of South Branch, has, during the year, built and opened for worship a commodious chapel, which supplies a delightful place for prayer-meetings and the Sunday-school.

Few ministerial changes have occurred in our Classis. Rev. Rockwood MacQuesten was received from the Presbytery of Nassau and installed pastor of the church at Annandale, May 10, 1904, and Rev. Wilmer MacNair, who has for several years ministered to the church at Pottersville, has removed from our bounds, having accepted a call to the church of Marbletown, N. Y. We add the information afforded by the remarks accompanying the statistical reports.

First Raritan.—"The year has been comparatively uneventful; losses in membership almost counterbalancing gains; while the gifts for benevolences have been kept at about their normal figure. No considerable forward movement seems to be possible until we have cleared up the indebtedness yet remaining upon this church. We are glad to report the payment of more than $2,000 this year."

Readington.—"Sabbath services have been maintained with about the usual regularity and interest, save as the severe winter and accompanying sickness have conspired to deplete the attendance. The work of our auxiliaries has gone on with undiminished success. The total of benevolent gifts has increased to some extent. There is at the present time an increasing interest in the temporal work of the church."

Bedminster.—"The year has been one of quiet prosperity; Sabbath services well attended, and the various organizations doing effective

work. Pew rentals have been up to the average, and contributions have exceeded those of the year previous. A legacy of $2,400 has been received, of which $1,800 have been expended according to the terms of the will conveying the bequest in the erection of an attractive mortuary chapel in our church cemetery. A small portion was used upon the parsonage, and $400 added to the Trust Funds of the church (now amounting to $3,500), the income of which is to be annually applied to the support of the church and the care of the cemetery. The Week of Prayer at the opening of the year was observed and followed by two weeks of special, united supplication, from which blessing was reaped by the congregation. Lamented losses by death have occurred in the membership, but the number has been kept good by gains."

Lebanon.—"The year has not been marked by any special interest. The means of grace have been employed and the attendance has in the main been as good as conditions would allow, yet the conversions have been few. The church each year suffers loss by the removal of our young men and women who leave the farms for positions in the city and elsewhere."

Whitehouse.—"We have cause for thanksgiving for the gracious mercy of God in the unity of our religious faith and the evidence of things to come. During the past year we have suffered loss. Our numbers are diminished but our accessions are genuine and helpful, and while propositions difficult of solution confront us, we expect, through the mercy and help of God, to accomplish more in the next year."

North Branch.—"Seldom have public services been so interrupted by foul weather, otherwise the attendance has been good, especially at prayer-meeting. Conversions have been lacking; loss by death and dismission larger than usual. By thorough organization and constant attention to system adopted, our finances, both as to beneficence and congregational expenses, make a total for which we are grateful."

Second Raritan.—"We report a year of uninterrupted activity and harmony; good attendance upon the Sunday preaching services; efficient work done in the Sunday-school; more baptisms and larger accessions on confession of faith than during the preceding year; benevolent contributions slightly smaller; pew rents increased, and a comfortable balance in the church treasury."

Peapack.—"In November union revival meetings with the Methodists were held, and resulted in a number of additions to both churches. Personal work is carried on extensively. The congregation has increased gifts to foreign and domestic missions, and made many repairs to the church property."

South Branch.—"The revised roll of membership as compared with that of five years ago, does not show any remarkable change in numbers. We have mourned the departure of faithful fathers and mothers in Israel, and have been cheered in seeing their sons and daughters come forward to nobly occupy the vacant places. We record the reception of sixteen members, seven of whom made confession of their faith. The Sunday-schools, Christian Endeavor Society and Ladies' Auxiliaries have all done commendable work. In contributions the year has been notable. More than $2,200 have been devoted to the erection and furnishing of a chapel, and at the same time the offerings to benevolence have somewhat increased."

Third Raritan.—No remarks offered.

Pottersville.—No remarks offered.

High Bridge.—"The year has been with us one of marked progress along all lines of church work. One year ago we reported that an effort was being made to clear off the debt resting on the church. This was entirely successful, about $65 more being secured than was required. A water motor has been installed, and some needed improvements on property effected. Preliminary steps have been taken toward the erection of a chapel. Especial mention should be made of the Sunday-school, which has shown a marked increase in attendance, interest and liberality. A Cradle roll has recently been added to the departments of the school. The Junior Endeavor Society has also shown marked progress. Our total offerings to benevolent objects have doubled, due in part to the adoption of a regular schedule by which the offering on the first Sunday of each month is devoted to some charitable purpose. We are especially glad to report a net increase in membership of twenty-five; many of those received on confession of their faith being heads of families."

Annandale.—Statistics only.

Fourth Raritan.—"We have to report a year of trials and disappointments. In spite of having received eight new members we have sustained a greater loss of active supporters. Consequently we have also sustained a financial decrease. Yet with the help of God we have kept our own, and are still hoping and praying for better times. May the Lord grant that the clouds may soon be removed from our struggling church."

EDWARD G. READ,
T. M. SIMONTON,
Committee.

STATISTICAL TABLES.

CLASSIS OF BERGEN.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census. Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS. Rec'd. On Confession.	Rec'd. On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	BAP. Infants.	BAP. Adults.	No. of Baptized Non Communicants.	C. C. & S. S. Catechumens.	C. C. & S. S. Number of Sabbath-Schools.	C. C. & S. S. Total Enrollment.	CONTRIBUTIONS. Benevolent. Denominational Objects.	CONTRIBUTIONS. Benevolent. Other Objects.	CONTRIBUTIONS. Congregational.	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
First, Hackensack	Herman Vanderwart	231	7	5	4	2	1	535	6	2	.....	200	1	270	$ 810 00	$ 485 00	$4.600 00	Hackensack, N. J.
Schraalenburgh	George H. Cotton	110	3	13	3	...	2	166	2	1	65	.....	1	220	322 66	123 90	2,105 50	Dumont, "
English Neighborhood	Marcus J. Roop	62	4	2	.....	...	...	74	7	2	38	.....	1	115	34 62	40 00	1,620 11	Ridgefield, "
New Durham	{Isaac W. Gowen {A. W. Hopper, ass't	410	83	24	6	... ...	10	791	103	11	.....	.....	4	1,930	1 341 60	113 99	7,651 46	{Weehawken, " {Weehawken, "
First, Hoboken	Alonzo A. Ranson	77	9	11	5	...	...	131	6	...	.....	.....	1	217	63 51	9 02	1,518 23	Hoboken, N. J.
North Bergen	Louis Nickse	76	5	1	.....	...	3	99	14	...	12	36	1	450	200 00	165 00	2,075 00	Weehawken, "
Second, Hackensack	Arthur Johnson	240	12	7	5	...	4	529	10	3	.....	.....	2	500	1,381 71	869 27	6.772 33	Hackensack, "
German Ev. Hoboken	John Rudolph	250	40	.....	6	...	30	443	135	7	.....	100	2	700	171 15	732 00	6.500 60	606 Garden st., Hoboken, "
Third, Hackensack	John Bombiu	88	6	.....	1	...	2	88	24	...	.....	8	1	115	4 10	.....	1,000 00	Hackensack, "
Closter	Henry Ward, s. c.	75	3	.....	2	...	3	144	2	...	.....	80	2	189	152 70	40 22	2.358 04	Closter, "
Coytesville	Vacant	75	1	2	2	...	...	81	1	1	.....	.....	1	100	91 76	6 15	1,149 07	Coytesville, "
Guttenberg	William Manchee, s. s.	40	18	.....	2	...	...	*75	14	2	.....	130	1	325	44 50	52 79	1,548 25	Passaic, "
Central av. Jers'y City	Charles S. Wright	130	20	1	7	...	2	276	16	3	.....	... .	1	475	315 00	.....	3,500 00	89 Bowers st, Jersey City, "
Cherry Hill	Abram Duryee	65	4	9	8	...	1	100	1	3	.....	.....	1	126	137 89	100 83	2,335 00	Cherry Hill, "
Secaucus	Vacant	†20	.....	.....	.....	...	...	22	.....	...	.....	.		60	.....	.....	.....	Secaucus, "
Spring Valley	Supplied	†25	.....	.....	.....	...	...	33	.....	...	.....	.....	1	51	41 00	.....	337 00	Maywood, "
Westwood	David M. Talmage	90	4	6	3	...	1	109	.....	...	.....	.....	1	242	482 20	191 39	2.609 82	Westwood, "
Oradell	Edgar I. McCully	88	3	5	1	...	1	98	5	2	.....	... .	2	234	291 25	31 47	3.401 78	Oradell, "
Hasbrouck Heights	A. P. Tulp	84	7	1	2	...	1	118	8	2	40	100	1	150	.....	25 00	1,950 00	Hasbrouck Heights, "
Highwood	John C. Gardner	50	2	8	.....	...	...	72	8	...	.....	92	1	142	.....	.....	1,740 00	Highwood, "
Rochelle Park	Vacant	†40	...	.....	.....	...	...	46	.....	...	.....	.....		.....	.....	.....	.....	Rochelle Park. "
Bogart Memorial	M. Seymour Purdy	70	3	5	1	...	1	65	1	...	60	.....	1	94	130 00	20 00	1,300 00	Bogota, "
First, West Hoboken	Edward Dawson	208	51	11	1	...	2	371	14	4	...	.....	1	818	240 49	106 28	8.307 42	537 Palisade av, W. Hob'k'n.
	Total	2 584	285	111	59	2	64	4.510	377	43	215	646	30	7.223	$6,185 14	$3.086 31	$64.378 01	

† Last year's report. * Revised roll.

Other Ministers.—Jas. H. Ballagh, Yokohama, Japan; John Justin 740 Washington St, Hokokeu, N. J.; J. T. E. DeWitt, Oradell. N. J.

Candidates.—Rob't W. Blake, Lehigh University, South Bethlehem, Pa.; Karl Krause, Hoboken, N. J.; John E Straub, Hoboken. N. J.

Classical Agents.—D. M., I. W. Gowen; F. M., H. Vanderwart; Ed., C. S. Wright.

Treas.—Wm. Manchee.

SOUTH CLASSIS OF BERGEN.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census. Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS. Rec'd. On Confession.	On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	BAP. Infants.	Adults.	No of Baptized Non-Communicants.	C. C. & S. S. Catechumens.	Number of Sabbath-Schools.	Total Enrolment.	CONTRIBUTIONS. Benevolent. Denominational Objects.	Other Objects.	Congregational.	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
Bergen	{Cornelius Brett..... {Wm. V. D. Strong, ass't	430	26	12	17	1	10	767	39	6	200	400	3	725	$ 1,194 00	$ 635 00	$8.959 00	{797 Bergen av., Jers'y City {298 Academy St., "
First, Bayonne	William H. Boocock.....	368	16	11	13	...	2	667	7	3	.....	132	2	673	549 00	440 00	6,355 00	763 Ave. C. Bayonne.
Wayne St. Jersey City.	J. Alex. Brown, s. c	116	8	4	7	...	3	*258	10	2	.....	.....	1	*162	356 00	187 00	3.905 00	138 Mercer St., Jersey City.
Park, Jersey City.....	James P. Stofflet.....	195	15	17	9	...	3	316	11	6	.....	320	3	320	129 00	165 00	3.840 00	181½ W. Hamilton Pl., "
Fifth St., Bayonne.	{Ferdinand S. Wilson... {H. W. F. Jones, ¶.....	146	8	9	5	...	3	251	7	2	.....	.....	1	260	629 00	146 00	4,315 00	{85 W. Fifth St., Bayonne. {Whitehouse, N. J.
Second, Hudson City...	Emil A. Meury.....	247	17	... ...	6	...	21	516	127	4	.....	82	1	746	225 00	303 00	4,038 00	14 Sherman Pl., Jersey City.
Lafayette.....	Jasper S. Hogan.....	148	20	5	6	...	2	*237	8	2	.....	.....	1	345	493 00	84 00	†5,074 00	278 Pacific Ave., Jersey City.
Greenville.....	Gordon H. Eggleston....	86	36	34	5	...	3	*160	8	4	.....	.....	1	250	54 00	22 00	2.527 00	24 a Winfield Ave., "
Free, Jersey City.....	Andrew J. Meyer.....	100	17	7	13	...	7	*132	12	2	.....	15	1	246	106 00	42 00	‡2,844 00	222 Washington St., "
Third, Bayonne.....	H. W. J. Schulz.....	74	8	.....	...	...	12	155	10	...	.....	10	1	75	25 00	15 00	1 113 00	47½ West 21st St., Bayonne.
First, Ger. Ev., J. City.	Matthew Mueller.....	132	10	.....	...	...	6	170	14	...	... .	16	1	175	.....	95 00	2.700 00	349 York St., Jersey City.
St. John's, Ger. "	Gottlieb Andreae.....	107	25	.....	20	...	14	328	76	1	76	100	2	375	88 00	175 00	‡8.362 00	48 Fairview Ave., "
	Total	2,149	206	99	101	1	86	3,957	329	32	276	1,075	18	4.352	$3.758 00	$2,309 00	$54 032 00	

¶ Pastor Emeritus. * Revised roll. † $1,100 for liquidation of mortgage. ‡ $150 on account of fire. ‡ $6,300 church improvements.

Other Ministers.—Jas. L. Amerman, Ass't Treas. Bd. F. M.

Candidate.—Howard Brinkerhoff.

Classical Agents.—D. M., Rev. J. Alex. Brown; F. M., Rev. F. S. Wilson; D. M. F., Geo. Carragan; Ed., Rev. E. A. Meury; S. S. & Y. P., Rev. W. H. Boocock.

Treas.—Rev. Jasper S. Hogan.

CLASSIS OF MONMOUTH.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census. Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS. Rec'd. On Confession.	Rec'd. On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	BAP. Infants.	Adults.	No. of Baptized Non-Communicants.	C. C. & S. S. Catechumens.	Number of Sabbath-Schools.	Total Enrolment.	CONTRIBUTIONS. Benevolent. Denominational Objects.	Benevolent. Other Objects.	Congregational.	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.	
First, Freehold	Abram I. Martine	76	....	1	3	...	5	136	6	...	38	55	2	92	$ 198 00	$ 26 00	$1,325 00	Marlboro,	N. J.
Holmdel	Garrett Wyckoff	60	3	3	1	...	2	120	8	...	.....	50	1	100	360 00	.....	1 430 00	Holmdel,	"
Middletown	Willard D. Brown	57	6	2	....	...	3	127	1	1	.....	....	1	66	194 16	50 24	1,332 62	Middletown,	"
Second, Freehold	Isaac P. Brokaw	130	6	5	7	...	4	330	11	2	.....	150	1	270	723 75	108 00	3 085 50	Freehold,	"
Keyport	H. S. VanWoert	60	3	1	....	...	...	138	1	1	.....	85	1	85	50 00	5 65	1,350 00	Keyport,	"
Long Branch	Vacant	67	4	1	1	...	4	†137	9	...	.....	.....	1	169	49 13	7 65	1,166 29	Long Branch,	"
Colts Neck	O. VanBeverhoudt	73	8	3	4	...	2	176	5	4	.....	92	1	112	53 44	18 83	1,326 95	Colts Neck,	"
Asbury Park	Willard Conger	94	5	5	3	...	...	156	2	2	.....	.....	1	90	36 06	37 71	2,119 33	Asbury Park,	"
Red Bank, First	T. A. Beekman	72	14	1	....	...	...	53	7	8	.....	....	1	155	15 87	10 67	645 00	Red Bank,	"
	Total	689	49	22	19	...	20	1,333	50	18	38	432	10	1,140	$1,680 41	$265 75	$13,780 69		

† Last year's report.

Other Ministers.—Rev. Elias Mead, Passaic, N. J.; Rev. James T. Schock, (s. c.) Keyport, N. J.; Rev. W. H. VanDoren, Griggstown, N. J.; Rev. Arthur P. Brokaw, Colony, Oklahoma.

Classical Agents.—F. M., Rev. W. Conger; D. M., Rev. O. VanBeverhoudt; Ed., Rev. J. T. Schock; D. M. F., Rev. T. A. Beekman; W. F., W. W. Letson, Red Bank, N. J.; S. S. & Y. P., Rev. W. D. Brown.

Treas.—Rev. I. P. Brokaw.

CLASSIS OF NEWARK.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census. Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS.						BAP.		No. of Baptized Non-Communicants.	C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS.			POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
			Rec'd. On Confession.	Rec'd. On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.		Catechumens.	Number of Sabbath-Schools.	Total Enrolment.	Benevolent. Denominational Objects.	Benevolent. Other Objects.	Congregational.	
Belleville	Wm. W. Connor	131	27	3	9	...	1	249	9	6	.....	.....	1	283	$ 242 46	$ 17 00	$3.560 60	Belleville, N. J.
First Newark	T. J. Lee	†146	9	6	11	...	4	253	10	2	.....	.....	1	463	625 00	80 00	6.006 00	692 High st. Newark, "
Irvington	Uriah McClinchie	126	19	15	10	...	...	*190	5	2	.....	.....	1	250	207 26	10 00	2.355 39	Irvington, "
New York Ave., Newark	John S. Allen, s. c.	110	17	9	7	...	4	252	20	3	.....	.....	1	470	420 76	374 70	3.190 00	100 New York av., Newark.
Franklin	William Stuart	72	.....	2	4	...	3	*110	6	2	.....	.....	1	150	44 58	.....	1,869 38	Nutley, N. J.
North Reformed, New'k	{ James I. Vance, { C. W. Gulick, Ass't.	750	92	47	12	...	8	1,283	24	12	1,000	.....	3	1,635	19.353 17	3.950 00	18,913 64	{ 27 Washington st, Newark. { 226 Clifton av, Newark.
West, Newark	.....	78	35	1	3	...	12	296	160	3	.....	55	1	340	27 00	15 00	1,470 00	35 Blum st., Newark, N. J.
Clinton Avenue, New'k.	{ Daniel H. Martin, { A. M. Arcularius, Ass't	650	81	35	20	...	13	1,215	14	13	800	.....	1	700	5.253 00	800 00	12,318 00	{ 19 Stratford Pl., Newark. { .....
Trinity, Newark	John N. Morris	167	10	.....	1	...	1	226	20	...	.....	.....	1	500	229 00	40 00	.....	483 Ferry St., Newark, N. J.
Linden	N. M. Sherwood	26	.....	.....	1	...	...	*34	.....	...	24	.....	1	87	18 00	4 00	1,119 00	Linden, "
Christ, Newark	Henry Merle Mellen.	167	21	12	1	...	7	*300	.....	...	.....	.....	1	300	313 12	22 16	§8,542 22	84 Delevan av. Newark, "
Brookdale	W. E. Bogardus	45	2	.....	.....	...	1	103	4	...	.....	.....	1	93	152 74	22 74	1.270 92	Brookdale, "
Orange, First	George S. Bishop	275	12	13	¶18	1	4	525	11	2	.....	155	1	344	2,842 00	952 00	‡2.921 00	20 Burnett st. E. Orange, "
Trinity, Plainfield	Cornelius Schenck	270	18	22	12	1	10	592	14	1	.....	.....	2	619	1,216 62	399 69	6.334 02	Plainfield, "
German, Plainfield	Chas. H. Schuegas, S. S.	†28	3	.....	.....	...	2	37	1	...	.....	1	1	35	20 00	.....	679 00	Plainfield, "
Montclair Heights	Albert Schlieder	30	2	4	.....	...	...	56	.....	1	.....	10	1	60	219 00	10 00	1,793 00	Upper Montclair, "
Hyde Park, East Orange	Orville Fischer, P. E.	30	.....	3	.....	...	...	62	.....	...	.....	.....	1	105	64 43	23 11	816 38	Hyde Park, E. Orange, "
	Total	3101	348	172	100	2	70	5,983	298	32	1,824	221	21	6,434	$31,248 00	$6.725 00	$67,816 00	

* Revised list. † Last year's report. ‡ Exclusive of Minister's support. § $5.500 for new church.

¶ Dismissed in order to form the Hyde Park Ref. Church of East Orange.

Other Ministers.—John W. Conklin, 25 East 22 St. N. Y.; Chas. E. Hart, New Brunswick, N. J; Oscar Gesner, Linden, N. J.; J. C. Garretson, 470 Monroe Ave., Elizabeth, N. J.; Denis Wortman, 25 Watson Ave., East Orange N. J.; Charles L. Lawrence, Los Angeles, Cal.; Frank Eckerson, Amoy, China.

Candidates.—F. N. Baeder; R. B. Johnson.

Classical Agents—F. M., W. W. Connor; D. M., Henry Merle Mellen; Ed., C. W. Gulick. *Treas.*—John S. Allen.

CLASSIS OF NEW BRUNSWICK.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census. Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS. Rec'd. On Confession.	Rec'd. On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died	Total now in Communion.	BAP. Infants.	Adults.	No. of Baptized Non-Communicants.	C. C. & S. S. Catechumens.	Number of Sabbath-Schools.	Total Enrolment.	CONTRIBUTIONS. Benevolent. Denominational Objects.	Other Objects.	Congregational.	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
First, New Brunswick	P. Theo. Pockman	*235	12	23	23	...	13	*660	21	1	.....	200	1	408	$1,265 06	$ 511 27	$4,177 80	219 Townsend st. N. Bruns'k.
Six Mile Run	Clifford P. Case	119	17	2	14	...	5	*223	3	5	49	170	5	228	1,066 62	57 88	2,059 38	Franklin Park, N. J.
Hillsborough	Floris Ferwerda	135	3	7	5	...	5	*210	3	2	.....	.....	6	229	261 85	113 52	1,582 41	Millstone, "
Middlebush	John A. Thomson	71	5	13	8	..	2	157	5	5	.....	100	1	127	268 40	21 64	†3 508 50	Middlebush, "
Griggstown	Vacant	39	5	7	1	...	2	98	2	4	23	.....	1	62	128 59	39 45	1,009 29	Griggstown, "
Second, New Brunsw'k.	M. H. Hutton, (s. c.)	160	7	6	1	...	3	382	5	..	.....	192	2	280	1,364 24	471 79	5,456 33	26 Union st., N. Brunswick.
Bound Brook	Chas. T. Anderson	100	1	4	3	...	1	184	1	1	.....	125	1	175	83 05	5 25	1,884 00	South Bound Brook, N. J.
Third, New Brunsw'k	Vacant	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	...	.....	.....	...	.....	.....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
East Millstone	Henry Lockwood	100	4	3	3	...	1	158	3	1	43	60	1	87	145 81	32 13	¶2,510 56	East Millstone, N. J.
Metuchen	Edward V. V. Searle	70	3	4	5	...	1	160	5	3	.....	.....	1	125	397 23	30 88	§3,075 00	Metuchen, "
Suydam st. N. Brunsw'k	Alap D. Campbell	77	7	2	5	...	5	236	1	1	.....	.....	1	191	529 53	127 69	3,360 37	146 Livingston av., N. B'k.
Highland Park	Edward J. Meeker	51	11	1	5	...	...	96	.....	3	.....	90	1	126	112 65	12 15	‡2,624 89	Highland Park, N. Bruns'k.
Spotswood	Paul J. Strohauer	48	2	2	1	...	1	123	2	3	35	68	1	68	27 00	3 00	1,136 98	Spotswood, N. J.
	Total	1,205	77	74	74	...	39	2,687	51	29	150	1,005	22	2,206	$5,650 03	$1,426 65	$32,385 51	

* Revised list. † $2,250 for building chapel. ‡ $1.100 for organ. ¶ $1.036.69 for church repairs and decorations. § $1,236 for interior decorations.

Other Ministers.—Rev. W. H. Steele, Newark, N. J.; Rev. E. S. Booth, Yokohoma, Japan; Rev. E. Lord, Clifton Springs, N. Y.; Rev. H. D'B. Mulford, New Brunswick, N. J.; Rev. A. F. Todd, Dunellen, N. J.; Rev. G. M. S. Blauvelt, Roselle, N. J.; Rev. J. O. Bayles, New Brunswick, N. J.; Rev. James LeFevre, Somerville, N. J.; Rev. J. H. Wyckoff, Vellore, India; Rev. L. B. Chamberlin, Madanapalle, Madras Pres., India; Rev. Wm. I. Chamberlin, Vellore, India; Rev. H. J. Scudder, Ranipettai, Madras Pres., India; Rev. John DeWitt, Yonkers, N. Y.; Rev. J. B. Thompson, Readington, N. J.; Rev. J. L. Southard, Wellesley Hills, Mass.; Rev. E. T. Corwin, New Brunswick, N. J.

Candidate.—A. G. VanAken, Jamesburg, N. J.

Classical Agents.—F. M., Rev. M. H. Hutton; D. M., Rev. Jas. LeFevre; E. and P., Rev. P. T. Pockman; D. M. F. & W. F., Rev. E. V. V. Searle; S. S., J. A. Thompson.

Treas.—Henry Lockwood.

CLASSIS OF PARAMUS.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census. Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS. Rec'd. On Confession.	Rec'd. On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	BAP. Infants.	Adults.	No. of Baptized Non-Communicants.	C. C. & S. S. Catechumens.	Number of Sabbath-Schools.	Total Enrollment.	CONTRIBUTIONS. Benevolent. Denominational Objects.	Other Objects.	Congregational.	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
Acquackanonck	Ame Vennema	218	16	19	6	...	7	504	18	5	215	.....	1	406	$ 2,286 08	$ 1,077 72	$ 7,912 30	185 Paulison av. Passaic N. J.
Centerville	N. H. VanArsdale	35	....	1	....	...	1	59	7	...	56	30	1	146	125 35	13 50	939 14	4 Warren st. New York City.
Clarkstown	Vacant °	95	10	4	3	...	4	163	.....	3	.....	.....	2	160	233 00	288 00	1,780 00	West Nyack, N. Y.
Clifton	J. S. Ellsworth	85	8	2	3	...	1	135	4	6	.....	260	1	260	57 63	2 50	2,204 57	Clifton, N. J.
Garfield	Eugene Hill	54	9	2	2	1	1	85	7	1	52	.....	1	190	19 65	18 00	898 46	140 Passaic st. Garfield, "
Glen Rock	James W. Grant	40	5	....	9	...	2	°32	3	...	.....	74	1	74	22 72	....	738 47	Ridgewood, "
Hawthorne	J. Edward Grant	45	7	1	....	...	...	56	10	2	18	.....	1	117	30 00	.....	1,251 60	Hawthorne, "
Lodi, First Holland	T. H. Hoonte	87	11	....	2	...	1	203	20	...	207	140	1	210	10 00	5 00	1,000 00	Lodi, "
Lodi, Second	Vacant °	40	3	1	1	...	3	58	....	...	.....	.....	1	205	40 00	40 00	900 00	Lodi, "
North Paterson	James M. Martin	55	4	3	1	...	1	‖66	4	...	.....	9	1	141	43 32	14 00	†1,438 68	North Paterson, "
Nyack	Sartell Prentice, Jr.	163	34	22	5	...	5	385	5	9	.....	40	1	198	2,305 93	148 51	6,355 18	Nyack, N. Y.
Paramus	William H. Vroom	94	5	5	17	...	4	179	11	...	.....	90	1	154	290 41	35 00	2,364 04	Ridgewood, N. J.
Pascack	Francis A. Seibert	108	16	9	2	...	3	167	5	7	.....	80	1	167	158 21	83 97	2,440,97	Box 13, Park Ridge, "
Passaic, First Holland	Martin Flipse	312	15	10	2	2	6	515	48	...	1,000	300	1	600	270 20	393 40	*6,880 00	141 Hamilton av. Passaic, "
Passaic, North	J. H. Whitehead	105	7	3	6	...	2	‖290	7	1	.....	250	1	350	1,017 75	173 00	4,168 06	Passaic, "
Paterson Broadway	Vacant	115	3	1	9	...	4	244	3	1	.....	.....	1	235	505 44	78 44	3,283 17	Paterson, "
Paterson, 1st Holland	Fred G. Dekker	141	13	6	4	1	2	223	17	...	212	135	1	201	72 20	32 10	1,904 25	50 Clinton st. Paterson, "
" Second	Theo. W. Welles	150	6	5	3	...	3	295	15	...	.....	25	1	405	315 34	253 74	3,470 12	79 Hamilton av. Paterson, "
Piermont	D. S. Hoover, °	56	3	....	3	...	2	91	....	2	.....	.....	1	41	178 00	.....	1,882 00	Piermont, N. Y.
Ramapo	Vacant	62	....	2	....	...	1	140	6	...	.....	.....	2	168	61 94	71 20	1,078 27	Mahwah, N. J.
Ramsays	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	...	.....	...	...	.....	.....	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Ridgewood	J. A. VanNeste	146	21	1	12	...	3	324	7	3	.....	75	1	278	1,027 54	102 00	4,914 94	Box 114. Ridgewood, "
Saddle River	I. Van Kampen	81	1	4	3	...	...	91	....	1	.....	30	1	74	113 70	15 00	1,419 37	Monsey, N. Y.
Spring Valley	C. E. Crispell	80	10	4	....	...	2	134	2	2	....	150	1	167	382 98	7 89	‡2,437 66	Spring Valley, "
Tappan	William E. Compton	100	6	8	3	...	1	142	3	5	.....	....	3	357	120 18	16 31	1,821 48	Tappan, "
Warwick	Taber Knox	160	7	15	5	...	6	299	3	3	112	.....	2	235	1,194 47	365 27	4,030 46	Warwick, "
West New Hempstead	Henry W. Brink	50	...	.....	....	...	...	87	2	...	29	26	1	53	83 44	3 55	608 02	Monsey, "
Wortendyke, Holland	Jacob Poppen	97	9	7	1	...	1	174	15	...	263	84	1	160	67 16	55 50	1,144 00	Wortendyke, N. J.
Wortendyke, Trinity	Vacant	50	47	9	....	...	...	56	1	2	.....	.....	1	112	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Total	2,824	275	144	102	4	66	5,197	213	53	3,164	1,798	34	5,864	$11,032 64	$3,303 60	$68,264 61	

† 527.03 building new church. * 3,200 for church debt. ‡ 1,071.25 church repairs. § Two summer schools, 46 pupils. ° Last year's report. ‖ Revised list.

Other Ministers.—Rev. Cornelius R. Blauvelt, Ph.D., Nyack, N. Y.; Rev. Thomas S. Dusinberre, Pine Plains, N. Y.; Rev. D. Cornelius Ruigh, Amoy, China; Rev. Edward Lodewick, Bound Brook, N. J.; Rev. Elias W. Thompson; Rev. R. M. Offord, Passaic, N. J.

Classical Agents.—P. M., Rev. J. A. VanNeste; D. M., Rev. Ame Vennema; S. S. & Y. P. S. C. E., Rev. Martin Flipse; Ed., Rev. Eugene Hill.

S. C. & Treas.—Rev. Theo. W. Welles.

CLASSIS OF PASSAIC.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census. Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS. Rec'd. On Confession.	Rec'd. On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended	Died.	Total now in Communion.	BAP. Infants.	BAP. Adults.	No. of Baptized Non-Communicants.	C. C. & S. S. Catechumens.	C. C. & S. S. Number of Sabbath-Schools.	C. C. & S. S. Total Enrolment.	CONTRIBUTIONS. Benevolent. Denominational Objects.	CONTRIBUTIONS. Benevolent. Other Objects.	CONTRIBUTIONS. Congregational.	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
Boonton	Alex. McKelvey	63	4	3	2	...	1	101	7	1	.....	80	1	146	$ 195 00	.....	$2,039 00	Boonton, N. J.
Fairfield	Chas. B. Mitchell	50	3	1	....	...	1	103	1	2	.....	.....	1	100	22 50	.....	1,414 49	Fairfield, "
Little Falls, First	Theodore F. Bayles	115	9	3	....	...	2	200	10	1	.....	.....	1	212	398 54	33 50	2,638 86	Little Falls, "
Little Falls, Second	J. W. TePaske	46	1	.....	....	...	...	45	....	...	.....	50	1	90	64 50	.....	480 50	Little Falls, "
Montville	Vacant	36	6	.....	....	...	3	73	....	...	.....	.....	1	40	.....	10 00	550 00	Boonton, "
People's Park, Paterson	John Smit	135	4	14	5	...	6	245	29	...	356	170	1	300	74 11	.....	2,108 73	Paterson, "
Pompton	Chas. M. Dixon	131	4	1	10	...	3	*200	10	2	.....	.....	1	163	365 70	69 52	2.737 51	Riverdale, "
Pompton Plains	Orville L. Sigafoos	170	27	10	....	...	4	346	6	20	.....	.....	4	431	544 43	25 05	2,780 04	Pompton Plains, "
Ponds	S R. Cunningham	48	1	.....	3	...	1	58	....	...	.....	.....	1	88	188 04	102 07	1,100 18	Oakland, Bergen Co., "
Preakness	Geo. W. Labaw, (S. C.)	40	1	1	2	...	1	86	....	1	.....	.....	3	165	63 70	21 12	1,117 24	R. F. D. Route 1, Paterson.
Riverside, Paterson	John B. Church	140	11	7	2	...	4	*165	7	2	.....	225	1	518	168 00	28 00	2.603 29	37 East 15th St, "
Sixth Holland, Paterson	E. VanHetloo	555	52	10	22	...	17	945	60	1	100	510	1	575	320 00	998 00	3.964 00	Paterson, N. J.
Totowa, First, "	Thos. Powell Vernoll	150	8	10	5	...	7	341	13	...	.....	275	1	382	358 46	89 14	5.642 00	227 Hamilton av., Paterson.
Union Reformed, "	Helenus E. Nies	204	18	8	7	...	11	394	32	...	.....	125	1	305	235 50	333 43	2,219 45	6 Auburn St. Paterson. N. J.
Wanaque	Bergen B. Staats	38	....	.....	....	...	...	41	....	...	.....	.....	1	98	10 00	15 00	875 00	Wanaque, "
Wyckoff	Vacant	67	...	.....	2	...	2	126	4	...	95	55	1	98	48 05	.....	1,194 28	Wyckoff. "
	Total	1,988	149	68	60	...	63	3.469	179	30	551	1,490	21	3.711	$3.056 53	$1.724 83	$33.464 57	

* Revised records.

Other Ministers.—Rev E. C. Scudder, India.

Classical Agents.—F. M., Rev. Thos. Powell Vernoll; D. M., Rev. Alex. McKelvey; E., Rev. C. M. Dixon; D. M. F. & W. F., Gerrit Planten, Paterson, N.J.; S. S. & Y. P. S., Rev. T. F. Bayles.

Treas.—Rev. John B. Church.

CLASSIS OF PHILADELPHIA.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census. Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS.						BAP.			C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS.			POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
			Rec'd.												Benevolent.			
			On Confession.	On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	No. of Baptized Non-Communicants.	Catechumens.	Number of Sabbath-Schools.	Total Enrollment.	Denominational Objects.	Other Objects.	Congregational.	
North & So. Hampton.	Horace P. Craig	100	4	.....	5	...	5	*175	4	...	.....	256	4	288	$ 296 06	$ 6 00	$1,624 00	Churchville, Pa.
Harlingen	Andrew Judson Walter	129	9	3	6	...	3	262	3	3	85	140	‡4	242	305 44	54 62	2,056 02	Harlingen, N. J
Neshanic	John Hart	100	2	12	8	...	2	176	5	1	125	.....	‡4	191	315 44	29 85	1,920 02	Neshanic, "
Philadelphia, First	P. H. Milliken, (S. C.)	122	5	.....	1	...	3	182	1	...	83	20	1	177	950 00	20 00	.....	1401 Oxford St., Philadelphia, Pa.
Philadelphia, Second	Vacant	110	9	.....	3	...	2	204	2	...	100	175	1	325	245 00	.....	3,328 81	811 N. 7th St., Philadelphia, "
Philadelphia, Fourth	P. J. Kain	386	61	5	.....	9	6	700	31	20	.....	550	1	755	418 66	5 00	6,105 42	Manayunk & Martin Sts., Phila.
Blawenburgh †	Vacant	64	...	1	...	...	1	145	2	...	60	.....	1	80	80 00	.....	1,121 45	Blawenburgh, N. J.
Stanton	Adrian Westveer	77	1	1	7	...	5	141	.....	...	42	13	1	74	37 91	47 81	858 87	Stanton, "
Clover Hill	George Buckle	45	.....	.....	.....	...	2	75	1	...	30	.....	1	60	36 00	13 50	849 00	Clover Hill, "
Rocky Hill	G. M. Conover	64	2	6	5	...	5	97	3	...	40	.....	1	105	65 59	15 00	950 00	Rocky Hill, "
Philadelphia, Fifth	C. F. C. Suckow	151	10	.....	.....	...	9	225	28	...	.....	18	1	266	188 00	64 00	1,967 00	2223 E. Susq. Ave., Phila., Pa.
Addisville	Sidney O. Lawsing	50	1	2	4	...	2	114	2	...	.....	.....	‡2	‖190	151 00	.....	1,449 00	Richboro, Pa.
Three Bridges	Benjamin F. White	83	2	9	7	...	2	182	3	...	36	.....	1	105	106 33	7 49	1,254 80	Three Bridges, N. J.
Phila., Talmage Mem.	William Schmitz	103	10	5	6	...	3	*162	7	...	.....	142	1	237	200 32	106 25	3,094 04	4111 Manayunk Ave., Phila., Pa.
Philadelphia, South	William E. Simpson	75	7	1	.....	...	...	87	12	...	28	12	1	120	10 00	.....	712 80	19th & Mifflin St., Phila., Pa
Wilhelmina	Vacant	9	...	7	.....	...	...	19	1	...	16	10	1	10	13 00	.....	48 00	Preston, Md.
Philadelphia, Bethany	Vacant	21	2	.....	.....	...	...	38	4	...	.....	.....	1	63	65 00	.....	271 87	Philadelphia, Pa
Grace, Orangeburg	William L. Johnson	18	3	1	.....	...	1	36	5	1	14	48	5	398	12 00	10 00	27 00	Orangeburg, S. C.
Bethsaida, Magnolia	Vacant	8	.....	6	.....	...	...	10	.....	...	.....	30	1	110	5 50	.....	8 00	Magnolia, "
Bethel, Shiloh †	Thomas A. Nance	18	4	.....	.....	...	...	21	3	...	14	37	1	35	4 00	4 00	41 00	Magnolia, "
Zion, Timmonsville	M. C. Spann	14	2	4	.....	...	...	17	.....	...	12	32	1	68	4 00	.....	103 27	Timmonsville, "
All Souls, Florence	Vacant	8	15	.....	.....	...	...	25	7	1	12	8	1	53	2 00	1 00	10 00	Florence, "
	Total	1,755	159	63	52	9	51	3,033	126	26	687	149	36	3,952	$3,511 25	$394 51	$27,860 37	

* Revised list. † Last year's report. ‡ One Union school. ‖ Home department, 35.

Other Ministers.—Rev. I. M. Bogart, Metuchen, N. J.; Rev. W. J. Skillman, 462 Lyceum Ave., Philadelphia, Pa; Rev. Johh S. VanOrden; Rev. J. B. Peyton, Magnolia, S. C.

Classical Agents.—F. M., A. J. Walter; D. M., John Hart.

Treas.—Rev. P. H. Milliken.

CLASSIS OF RARITAN.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census. Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS. Rec'd. On Confession.	Rec'd. On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	BAP. Infants.	Adults.	No of Baptized Non-Communicants.	C. C & S. S. Catechumens.	Number of Sabbath-Schools.	Total Enrolment.	CONTRIBUTIONS. Benevolent. Denominational Objects.	Other Objects.	Congregational.	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
First, Raritan	Wm. Stockton Cranmer.	220	10	7	9	...	7	461	10	2	.....	190	1	416	$ 700 00	$ 282 00	$6.711 00	Somerville, N. J.
Readington	Benj. V. D. Wyckoff	125	2	....	11	...	4	262	6	1	....	175	*5	175	358 00	17 00	1,200 00	Readington, "
Bedminster	T Walker Jones	120	6	6	6	...	6	237	4	2	.....	.....	1	120	473 00	74 00	1,514 00	Bedminster, "
Lebanon	William E. Davis, (s. c.)	180	3	1	4	...	4	328	2	2	.....	.....	°5	263	71 00	38 00	2,103 00	Lebanon, "
Rockaway	Henry T. Jones	86	2	6	10	...	3	150	6	...	60	55	1	110	60 00	5 00	1,200 00	Whitehouse, "
North Branch	Philip M. Doolittle	97	.....	2	7	...	5	152	6	...	.....	.....	1	82	346 00	101 00	1,267 00	North Branch, "
Second, Raritan	Edward G. Read	244	17	13	18	...	9	650	15	4	.....	.....	1	726	1,117 00	82 00	5,644 00	Somerville, "
Peapack	T. M Simanton	130	15	11	7	1	4	255	7	6	37	.....	1	134	113 00	45 00	1,700 00	Peapack, "
South Branch	Isaac Sperling	105	7	9	4	...	4	†181	4	3	.....	.....	1	100	297 00	38 00	‡3,350 00	South Branch, "
Third, Raritan	William H. DeHart	100	5	12	4	...	2	286	10	...	86	84	1	296	439 00	35 00	2 618 00	Raritan, "
Pottersville	Vacant	55	6	.....	4	...	2	85	1	2	.....	.....	1	95	65 00	.....	781 00	Pottersville, "
High Bridge	Oscar M. Voorhees	112	20	11	2	...	3	157	14	4	45	30	1	169	169 00	33 00	1,951 00	High Bridge, "
Annandale	Rockwood MacQuesten	98	5	2	7	...	3	107	.....	...	.....	11	1	120	39 00	....	873 00	Annandale, "
Fourth, Raritan	F. Koechli	58	8	...	....	...	...	†90	7	...	.....	6	.....	.....	31 00	15 00	660 00	Somerville, "
	Total	1,730	106	80	93	1	56	3.409	92	26	228	551	21	2.806	$4,278 00	$765 00	$31.572 00	

† Revised list. * 3 Union. ° 2 Union. ‡ Including $2,200 for building chapel.

Other Ministers.—Rev. Henry Stout, Nagasaki, Japan; Rev. John F. Mesick, 266 E. Market St., York, Pa.; Rev. Charles H Pool, Somerville, N. J.; Rev. Andrew J. Hageman, Somerville, N. J.; Rev. A. McWilliam, Somerville, N. J.; Rev. William Johnston, Somerville, N. J.

Classical Agents.—F. M., Rev. I. Sperling; D. M. Rev. Henry T. Jones; B. of E., Rev. P. M. Doolittle; W. & D. M. F., Rev T. Walker Jones; S. S. Y. P. S., Rev. O. M. Voorhees.

Treas.—Rev. P. M. Doolittle.

SUMMARY VIEW OF THE PARTICULAR SYNOD OF NEW BRUNSWICK, MAY, 1905.

CLASSES.	Churches.	Ministers.	Candidates	Census. Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS. Rec'd. On Confession	Rec'd. On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	BAP. Infants.	Adults.	No. of Baptized Non-Communicants.	C. C. & S. S. Catechumens.	Number of Sabbath-Schools.	Total Enrolment.	CONTRIBUTIONS. Benevolent. Denominational Objects.	Other Objects.	Congregational.	STATED CLERKS.
Bergen	23	24	3	2,584	285	111	59	2	64	4,510	377	43	215	646	30	7 223	$ 6,135 14	$ 3,086 31	$64,378 31	Henry Ward.
South Bergen	12	15	1	2,149	206	99	101	1	86	3,957	329	32	276	1,075	18	4,352	3,758 00	2,309 00	54,032 00	J. Alex. Brown.
Monmouth	9	13	...	689	49	22	19	...	20	1,333	50	18	38	432	10	1,140	1,680 41	265 75	15,180 60	Jas. T. Schock.
Newark	17	25	2	3,101	348	172	109	2	70	5 820	298	32	1,824	221	21	6,434	31,268 00	6,725 00	67,816 00	J. S. Allen.
New Brunswick	13	28	1	1,205	77	74	74	...	39	2,687	51	29	150	1,005	22	2,206	5.650 03	1,426 65	32,385 51	Mancius H. Hutton.
Paramus	29	29	...	2,824	275	144	102	4	66	5.197	213	53	3.164	1.798	34	5 864	11,032 64	3,303 60	68,264 61	Theo. W. Welles.
Passaic	16	13	...	1,988	149	68	60	...	63	3,469	179	30	551	1.490	21	3 711	3,056 53	1,724 83	33.464 57	George W Labaw
Philadelphia	22	20	...	1,755	159	63	52	9	51	3,033	126	26	687	1,491	36	3.952	3.511 25	394 51	27.800 37	P. H. Milliken, p. t.
Raritan	14	19	...	1,730	106	80	93	1	56	3.409	92	26	228	551	21	2,866	4.278 00	765 00	31.572 00	Wm. E. Davis.
Total	155	186	7	18,025	1,654	839	669	19	515	33.415	1,715	289	7.333	8,729	213	37,688	$ 79,420 00	$ 20,000 65	$393.493 99	

ARTICLE VI.

CLASSICAL MINUTES.

The Committee on Classical Minutes made their report which was accepted and adopted as follows :

Your Committee on Classical Minutes report that they have examined the Minutes of the several Classes, with the exception of the Classis of New Brunswick, and find them correct.

The Classis of Philadelphia can, owing to the recent death of its Stated Clerk present only the Minutes of the Fall meeting, together with a copy of the record of answers to the Constitutional Questions. The complete record of the Spring meeting of this Classis will come under the inspection of the next Particular Synod.

The answers to the Constitutional Questions are as follows :

Classis of Bergen.

2nd Question 3 Yes. 15 No. 4 No report.
3rd " 18 Yes.

South Classis of Bergen.

2nd Question 6 Yes. 5 No.
3rd " 11 Yes.

Classis of Monmouth.

2nd Question 5 Yes. 3 No. 2 No report.
3rd " 6 Yes. 3 No. 1 No report.

Classis of Newark.

2nd Question 17 No.
3rd " 14 Yes. 3 No.

Classis of New Brunswick.—Minutes absent.

Classis of Paramas.

2nd Question 9 Yes. 10 No. 9 No report.
3rd " 19 Yes. 9 No report.

Classis of Passaic.

2nd Question 5 Yes. 8 No. 3 No report.
3rd " 13 Yes.

Classis of Philadelphia.

2nd Question 10 Yes. 5 No. 8 No report.
3rd " 12 Yes. 2 No. 8 No report.

Classis of Raritan.

2nd Question 11 Yes. 3 No.
3rd " 14 Yes.

Respectfully,

E. V. V. SEARLE,

Chairman of Committee.

ARTICLE VII.

CLASSICAL APPEALS.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE VIII.

CLASSICAL REFERENCES.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE IX.

CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS.

These were answered by the delegates of Classes.

ARTICLE X.

BENEVOLENT BOARDS.

Rev. J. W. Conklin, Field Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions, addressed the Synod on Tuesday evening at length, and in his usual inspiring way, about the work of the Board.

Rev. W. W. Clark, Field Secretary of the Board of Domestic Missions, brought the Synod cheering reports of its work, of the condition of its treasury and of the prospects for the future.

Rev. E. W. Thompson appeared before Synod in behalf of the Board of Education and made a lucid presentation of its work.

Rev. Edward Dawson spoke most forcibly for the Young People's League.

The Committee on Systematic Beneficence reported as follows :

Your committee on Systematic Beneficence desire to report that they have received no papers for consideration. The very title of the committee, however, suggests certain fundamental principles of vital importance.

We have heard with deep interest, the messages brought us by the representatives of our Foreign and Domestic Missionary Boards, the Board of Education and the Young People's Missionary League. It is a delight to learn that these great agencies of the church will close the present year without debt. But we must not miss the fact that this has been made possible only by the declination of important opportunities, and by deadly retrenchment in work to which the Reformed church is definitely committed.

And the great difficulty seems to your committee to be a lack of *systematic* beneficence. Our gifts as followers of Christ are of necessity voluntary, but none the less they should be methodical. If we are to meet our obligation, either of gratitude to our divine Redeemer, as saved sinners, or of service under our great Commander in the establishment of His kingdom in all the earth, it must be by the careful and persistent indoctrination of our people in the matter of systematic beneficence. And here are some reasons :

(1) It will make our giving *thoughtful.* The acceptance of method, even in the simplest way, will compel our awakened interest in the progress of the work. It will lead to the reading of the "Mission Field" and the "Christian Intelligencer."

(2) It will make our giving *conscientious.* An aroused sense of personal duty will come inevitably from the recognition in black and white of just what the individual gift is.

(3) It will make our giving *prayerful.* The spirit of answerable prayer will be greatly stimulated, if it is not even, indeed, made possible. And so

(4) It will make our giving *liberal.* This, of course. Thoughtful, consciencious, prayerful giving, as a fixed and widespread habit, must increase its fruit year by year.

The report was accepted and adopted.

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. WHITEHEAD,
GEORGE BUCKLE,
JOHN C. MEHARG.

ARTICLE XI.

TREASURER.

The Treasurer presented his report as follows:

DR. REPORT OF TREASURER, 1905. CR.

1904.		1904.	
May 4.—By balance brought forward	$200 85	May 4.—To Sexton's fee, J. City	$ 5 00
Nov. 10.—By apportionm't Classis of Monmouth	10 00	June 13.—To salary Stated Clerk	50 00
" 16.—By apportionm't Classis of Raritan	15 00	" 25.—To printing minutes	100 36
" 22.—By apportionm't Classis of South Bergen	15 00	" 30.—To expressage, postage, &c	7 49
" 30.—By apportionm't Classis of N. Brunswick	18 00		$162 85
1905.			
Jan. 27.—By apportionm't Classis of Newark	28 00		
Mar. 6.—By apportionm't Classis of Philadelphia	12 00		
" 29.—By apportionm't Classis of Bergen	20 00		
Apl. 5.—By apportionm't Classis of Passaic	10 00		
" 20.—By apportionm't Classis of Paramus	30 00	Balance in Treasury	196 00
	$358 85		$358 85

I. P. BROKAW, *S. C. and Treas.*

It was received and referred to the appropriate committee who reported that they found it correct and recommended that the usual apportionment of expenses be laid upon the Classes. The report was adopted.

ARTICLE XII.

PARTICULARIA.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered immediately after the opening of the Synod, the president conducting the service and reading the form, assisted by Rev. C. S. Wright, who dispensed the bread, and Rev. A. I. Martine, the cup, with appropriate and helpful remarks. The following elders assisted in the distribution of the elements, P. C. VanNuys, M. P. Lane, John H. Newton, David McNair. The service was concluded with a brief address by the president.

The session of Wednesday opened with a half hour of prayer and praise, conducted by Rev. Floris Ferwerda. The hours of opening and adjourning were fixed at 7.45 P. M., 9 A. M. and 5.30 P. M.

The Committee on Nominations reported as follows, to deliver the

special address at next meeting of Synod—Rev. W. H. Boocock, Primarius, Rev. W. S. Cranmer, D. D., Secundus. To fill the unexpired term of Hon. Henry W. Hoagland, deceased, lately the Synod's member of the Board of Superintendents of the New Brunswick Theological Seminary, A. P. Sutphen, Esq., of Somerville, N. J. The report was adopted.

Rev. E. M. Castro of the Methodist church of Somerville, and Rev. Jos. O. McKelvey of the Presbytery of Elizabeth, were recognized as present and invited to accept the courtesies of Synod. Rev's G. M. Conover, J. P. Stofflet and Elder J. H. Newton were made the Committee on Resolutions. They reported as follows:

In view of the strife on the part of civil authority to suppress Sunday base ball and other resorts that have become the centers of Sabbath desecration, your committee would offer a resolution to appoint a committee to co-operate with other christian bodies with reference to religion and morals and the good order of the Sabbath, especially mentioning the committee of the Presbyterian Synod of New Jersey, and with similar committees appointed by other ecclesiastical bodies, and that said committee report at the next session of the Particular Synod of New Brunswick. Therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Particular Synod of New Brunswick appoint a committee on Sabbath Observance to confer with the committees on Sabbath Observance of other denominations, for the purpose of co-operating in securing better Sabbath Observance.

Resolved, That the Particular Synod expresses its sincere thanks to the pastor and people for their delightful hospitality, and the organist for her assistance at every service, and the ladies who have so bountifully provided for the members of the Particular Synod.

Resolved, That the Stated Clerk and pastor of the church entertaining the Synod be authorized to change the hour of meeting as may be more convenient. Again,

Inasmuch as some Classes are, numerically speaking, so feebly represented, and realizing that some churches not represented miss thereby our inspiration and blessing, and feeling strongly that it is a privilege as well as duty for each appointed delegate to attend if possible. Therefore be it

Resolved, That the appointees be urged to attend and that the attention of Stated Clerks of Classes be called to the fact that it is their duty to notify each delegate, primarius and secundus, appointed to Particular Synod.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Synod be extended to Rev. Jacob Poppen, Ph. D., for his most excellent address.

The report was accepted and adopted.

Revs. G. M. Conover, J. P. Stofflet and elder J. C. Meharg were appointed the committee above mentioned.

The special address as per appointment of last Synod was delivered on Wednesday morning by Rev. Jacob Poppen, Ph. D., on the topic of "Eccentric Theology," and was a most able and learned arraignment of tendencies in modern thought and theology away from the traditional views of the church.

ARTICLE XIII.

DELEGATES TO GENERAL SYNOD.

The nominations of the Classes were confirmed:

CLASSIS OF BERGEN.

PRIMARII.	SECUNDI.
Rev. I. W. Gowen, D. D.,	Rev. D. M. Talmage,
" H. Vanderwart, D. D.	" John Rudolph,
" Henry Ward,	" John Bombin,
" Wm. Manchee,	" Geo. H. Cotton,
Elder Jas. R. Ferens,	Elder Hamilton V. Meeks,
" B. B. Barkman,	" C. H. Storms,
" Jacob J. Demarest,	" John Straub,
" Henry C. Steinhoff,	" J C. Bush.

SOUTH CLASSIS OF BERGEN.

Rev. W. V. D. Strong,	Rev. Cors. Brett, D. D.,
" J. S. Hogan,	" M. Mueller,
" J. A. Brown,	" G. H. Eggleston,
Elder Joel W. Brown,	Elder J. J. Toffey,
" John Anderson,	" Jacob Ringle,
" H. Louderbough,	" E. A. Garthwaite.

CLASSIS OF MONMOUTH.

Rev. B. B. Staats,	Rev. Theo. A. Beekman,
" A. I. Martine,	" W. D. Brown,
" Willard Conger,	" H. VanWoert,
Elder J. O. Green, M. D.,	Elder A. Smock,
" Jas. Tilton,	" Chas. Tindall,
" F. W. Hendricks,	" B. Decker, Jr.

CLASSIS OF NEWARK.

PRIMARII.	SECUNDI.
Rev. W. E. Bogardus,	Rev. W. W. Conner,
" J. N. Morris,	" H. M. Mellen,
" C. W. Gulick,	" Jas. I. Vance, D. D.,
Elder Chas. VanCleaf,	Elder Leslie G. Thompson,
" Chas. Witheredge,	" C. F. Bond,
" Ernest Haussman,	" T. C. VanReypen.

CLASSIS OF NEW BRUNSWICK.

Rev. E. J. Meeker,	Rev. Jas. LeFevre, D. D.,
" F. Ferwerda,	" C. T. Anderson,
" M. H. Hutton, D. D.,	" P. T. Pockman, D. D.,
Elder W. H. Johnson.	Elder J. J. Janeway,
" P. E. Nevius,	" W. H. Ayres,
" John VanNest,	" J. S. DeHart.

CLASSIS OF PARAMUS.

Rev. W. H. Vroom, D. D.,	Rev. Theo. W. Welles, D. D.,
" Francis A. Seibert,	" John A. VanNeste,
" Martin Flipse,	" Isaac VanKampen, Ph. D.,
" J. H. Whitehead,	" Cors. E. Crispell, D. D.,
" E. W. Thompson,	" Wm. E. Compton,
Elder G. H. Winter,	Elder Geo. W. Cunningham,
" J. H. Ackerman,	" A. P. Winter,
" Jacob DeBlick,	" Abram J. Terhune,
" John Henion,	" Peter S. VanOrden,
" A. M. Smith,	" J. A. Ottignon.

CLASSIS OF PASSAIC.

Rev. Theo. F. Bayles,	Rev. E. VanHetloo,
" Chas. B. Mitchell,	" Geo. W. Labaw,
" H. E. Nies,	" John B. Church,
Elder Ira A. Mitchell,	Elder John Venneman,
" J. R. Jacobus,	" G. F. Merselis,
" N. VerDuin,	" Wm. H. Youmans.

CLASSIS OF PHILADELPHIA.

Rev. John Hart,	Rev. P. J. Kain, D. D.,
" P. H. Milliken, D. D.,	" A. Westveer,
" W. H. Williamson,*	" Geo. Buckle, D. D.
" M. C. Spann,	*Deceased.

PRIMARII.	SECUNDI.
Elder M. V. Saums,	Elder A. W. Givin,
" S. B. Vrooman,	" Amos Carter,
" F. J. Kiefaber,	" H. V. D. VanLiew,
" David McNair.	

CLASSIS OF RARITAN.

Rev. E. G. Read, D. D.,	Rev. W. H. DeHart, D. D.,
" T. M. Simonton,	" O. M. Voorhees,
" Isaac Sperling,	" Rockwood MacQuesten,
Elder Jas. Gaston,	Elder John A. Tillman,
" John Frost,	" I. P. Bailey,
" Jacob G. Drake,	" Thomas P. Hendershott.

ARTICLE XIV.

INSTRUCTIONS TO DELEGATES.

None were given.

ARTICLE XV.

ADJOURNMENT.

Synod adjourned at 12.30 P. M. of the second day of the session to hold its next regular meeting in the Fourth Church of Philadelphia, at Manayunk, on the first Tuesday of May, 1906, at 3 P. M., or other convenient hour in the afternoon.

CLOSE OF THE SYNOD.

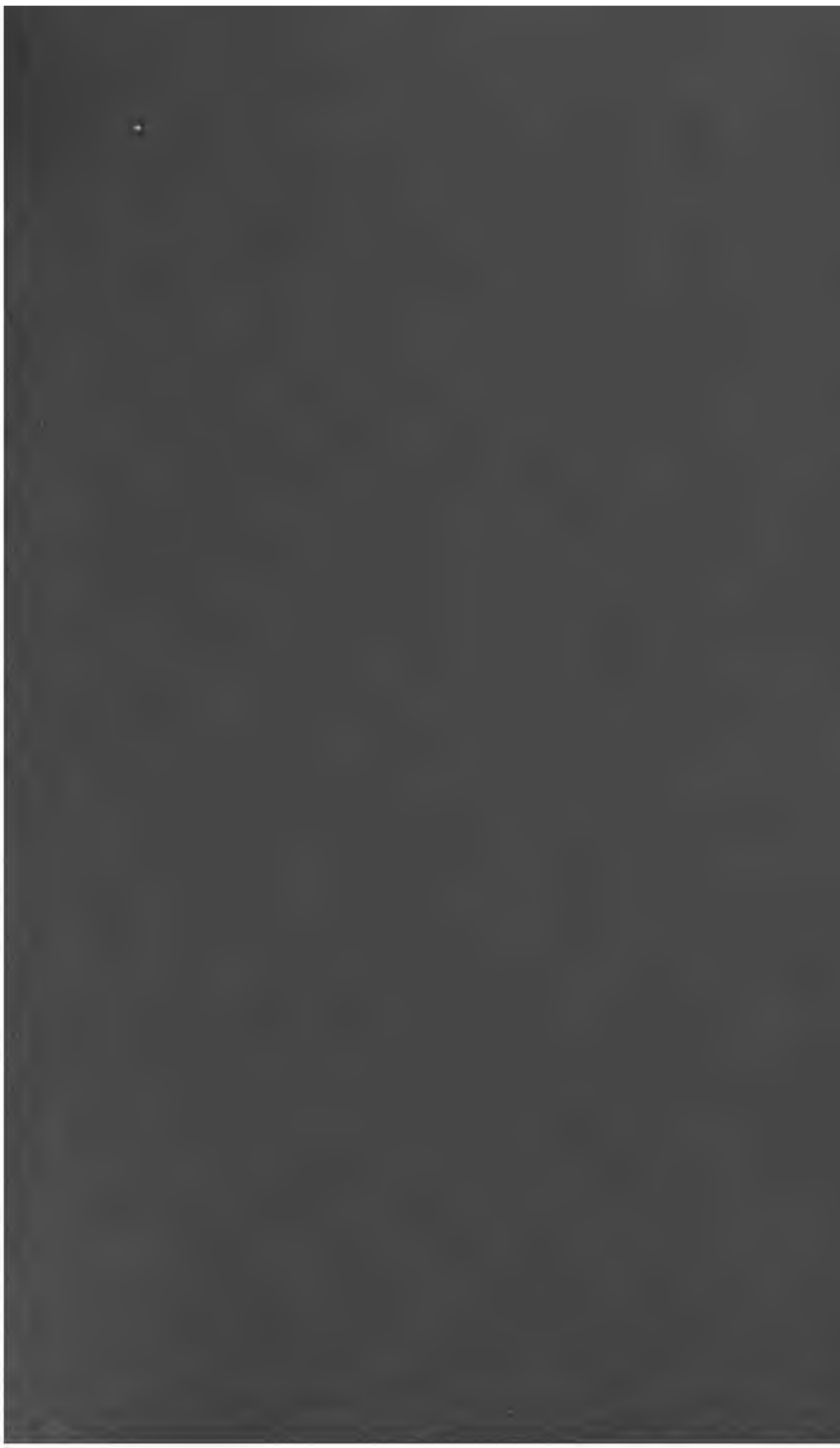
The minutes were read and approved, the usual number were ordered to be printed, and the Synod adjourned with prayer by Rev. C. F. C. Suckow, and the benediction by the President.

CHARLES. S. WRIGHT, *President.*

ABRAM I. MARTINE, *Vice President.*

B. V. D. WCKOFF,
EDWARD V. V. SEARLE, } *Clerks, pro tem.*

I. P. BKOKAW, *Stated Clerk.*

Places of Meetings and Presidents.

1869.—First New Brunswick.....Rev. B. C. Taylor, D. D.
1870.—First New Brunswick..... ..Rev. William Reiley, D. D.
1871.—First, VanVorst, Jersey City..Rev. Wm. R. Gordon, D. D.
1872.—Acquackanonck, Passaic.....Rev. W. V. V. Mabon, D. D..
1873.—Freehold.....Rev. John Gardner.
1874.—Second, Newark.....Rev. J. Paschal Strong.
1875.—Second, Somerville.....Rev. George J. VanNeste.
1876.—First, Paterson.....Rev. William R. Duryee.
1877.—Second, New Brunswick.....Rev. William R. Gordon, D. D.
1878.—Bergen.....Rev. J. Howard Suydam.
1879.—First, Philadelphia.....Rev. John F. Mesick, D. D.
1880.—Neshanic.....Rev. James LeFevre.
1881.—Paramus.....Rev. Cornelius Brett.
1882.—Millstone.....Rev. M. H. Hutton, D. D.
1883.—First, New Brunswick.....Rev. Paul D. VanCleef, D. D.
1884.—Warwick.....Rev. Theodore W. Welles.
1885.—East Orange.....Rev. Thomas C. Easton, D. D.
1886.—Lafayette, Jersey City.....Rev. David Waters, D. D.
1887.—Lebanon.....Rev. Edward G. Read.
1888.—Belleville.....Rev. I. P. Brokaw.
1889.—Second, Philadelphia.....Rev. J. Preston Searle.
1890.—First, Somerville.....Rev. Wm. W. Knox.
1891.—Third, Raritan..... .Rev. N. H. VanArsdale, D. D.
1892.—Nyack.....Rev. H. Vehslage, D. D.
1893.—First, Hackensack.....Rev. J. B. Thompson, D. D.
1894.—Broadway, Paterson.....Rev. W. H. DeHart.
1895.—North, Passaic.....Rev. Alan D. Campbell.
1896.—Ridgewood.....Rev. Charles I. Shepard, D. D.
1897.—Bayonne.....Rev. P. H. Milliken, Ph. D.
1898.—Clinton Avenue, Newark.....Rev. Peter Stryker, D. D.
1899.—Warwick.....Rev. W. S. Cranmer.
1900.—New Durham.....Rev. W. H. Vroom, D. D.
1901.—Freehold..... .....Rev. John Hart.
1902.—Plainfield.....Rev. Henry Ward.
1903.—First, New Brunswick.....Rev. P. Theo. Pockman, D. D.
1904.—Park Church, Jersey City.....Rev. A. McKelvey.
1905.—Second Church, Somerville....Rev. Charles S. Wright.